

THE MOMENTS WE LIVE FOR



MEMORIE 1980

The past is to cherish, the future is to dream, but

the present contains the MOMENTS WE LIVE FOR.

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# Merrillvue 1980

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Not the briefest moment—  
yours or mine—  
Can ever come again.

—Walter De La Mare









Remember yesterday,  
dream about tomorrow,  
but live today.





# Student Life

Now I am wiser: for  
I know there is not  
any memory with less satisfaction in it  
than the memory of some temptation we  
resisted.

—James Branch Cabell



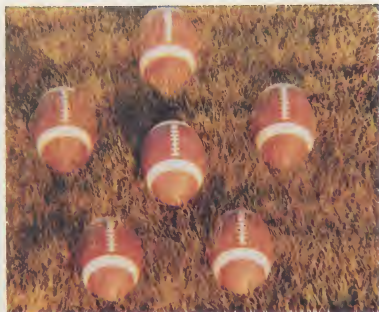


## Fall: A season to remember

As the leaves change color and the cool air comes in, many of the students enjoy the last few moments before winter begins. Many of the students enjoy all of the excitement at football games while watching the Pirates as they have another victorious season. A lot of new faces appeared around the high school this year along with most of the old ones that were here before. Hopefully, this year will be one of the best years ever for all of the students at Merrillville High.







# Homecoming excitement

The festivities for the 1979 Homecoming were officially underway as the parade started from Pierce Junior High School. The judging of the floats followed the parade. The Senior Class won first place for their float, which was Miss Piggy. First place for the club floats was awarded to the Spanish Club, whose float was also Miss Piggy. Immediately following the judging of the floats, the Powder Puff teams took the field. Last year's champions, the Juniors, were defeated by the underrated Sophomores. The Seniors then defeated the Sophomores to become the champs of this year's Powder Puff Games. Ending the festivities for this night was the long awaited Bon-Fire.



HERE COMES MISS PIGGY—The Senior Float, Miss Piggy gave the Seniors the honor of first place.



Lynne Shearin tries to gain yardage for the Sophomores.



The Sophomore Powder Puff team before the big game.

The members of the Senior Powder Puff team display their spirit before the Powder Puff Playoffs.



Sophomore cheerleader Jim Graham sits on the goal post.

starts here ...



The Junior Float, Cookie Monster, made his appearance as he is led by Kermit.



The Junior Powder Puff team gets rowdie during the Parade before the Powder Puff Game.

Following the day's activities, everyone gathered around the Bonfire to end the day's festivities.





and ends here!!!



The 1979 Homecoming Court: Michelle Faire, Gloria Summers, Edna Ca-

puli, Tina Wiggins, and Gail Callender.

The 1979 annual Homecoming Dance which was visited by Jim Henson's Muppets was the last activity scheduled for the hectic, activity-packed week. The dance was held in the Merrillville High School Cafeteria and the music was provided by L & L Mobile Disco. Edna Capuli was this year's Homecoming Queen and George Bravos was awarded the honor of being Mr. Football.



George Bravos was elected Mr. Football.



Paul Olesh and date, Diane Sawa, take time out to enjoy a dance together.



Last year's Homecoming Queen, Paula Thornsteinson, is escorted onto the field by Mr. Demaree.



Gene Kezy and his date, Nancy Novonty, enjoy dancing to the beat of disco.



Jim Foster and Paula Mitchell dance to the music by L & L Mobile Disco.



Eden Capuli and her escort, Jeff Nixon, take a break between dances.



Mr. Capuli proudly looks on as niece Eden is crowned this year's Homecoming Queen.

## Colorful moments brighten holiday season

You know the feeling. You are sitting with your friends in the cafeteria, eating your lunch just like any other day. When you look out the cafeteria windows, you see the neighborhood streets and houses. The atmosphere is always the same.

But this year, things have changed. When you look through the windows, you don't see the outside. Instead, Santa Claus, carolers, and a holiday message greet the eye. All this was made possible by our capable Art Department and their water

color skills.

These colorful scenes made the Turnabout Dance a "Winter Wonderland." After the dance, the designs remained to give bright and cheery moments to the usually plain cafeteria.

Other moments of Christmas sprang up in the community as well as the school during the holiday season. Child Development classes held their annual Christmas party, and a bank on Broadway decorated their tree and played Christmas carols.







## Sophomores prove that

The curtain of the sophomore play "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" opens as Lorelei and Dorothy discuss their plans for a trip to France. Their father, who is to be their chaperone, is unable to go because of a lawsuit filed against him. With a lot of convincing they finally persuaded Father to let them go alone. They board the "Majestic" bound for Europe.

Once in Paris, the girls find two companions. After an interesting period of romance, their father arrives on a surprise visit. Lorelei and Dorothy find out their boyfriends are the ones suing their father. With further hilarious complications, it ended happily ever after.

The play was held November 15, 16, and 17 at Reinhart Auditorium. Thanks to all the cast and crew the play was a success.

Friends help Dorothy and Lorelei make plans for their trip to France.



Jim Hendrickson silently memorizes his lines for the opening scene.



Girls thank Lorelei's father for letting them go to France.



# "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."



Kim Dunkelberger puts on his shirt for his part in the play.

Lorelei receives a call from the lawyer concerning her fathers' lawsuit.



Liz Oliver releases some opening night jitters.



Amy Engelbright decides which make-up will be best.

## cast

lorelai lee	lisa estor
dorothy	gorgyanna vritsch
mr. lee	mont hundley
bert	mike zwoarkin
sum	kim dunkleberger
the captain	mike zwoarkin
mrs. van osborne	mary larrison
sybil	joy iwan
mrs. van austin	lisa estor
margaret	doreen donley
mrs. spoffard	dawn flauding
henry spoffard III	jeff schmidt
miss chupman	jodi keen
aunt dolly	debbie rozchowski
mr. broussard, sr.	paul krausnick
mr. broussard, jr.	kim dunkleberger
chambermuid	keis luzarian
young man	jim hendrickson
young man	duce gruber
young girl	leana shawver
young girl	sundy simiz
steward	doreen donley
steward	jeff lipski
porter	guy tully
hotel manager	jeff lipski

## After School

2:46 ... The bell sounds ... a wild madness covers the school grounds ... Students heading in many directions ... Congregating in the halls, chatting with friends ... Standing and waiting for buses while friends in cars speed by ... Gym lockers open and close to begin afterschool sports activities ... Students running to club meetings and the smoking area for one last cigarette ... Making up tests and book-filled arms ... All combine to end another day.



Kim Vickeroy and Tim Patz take time out to sit and talk.



Children in the Merrillville Community prepare for that special night at MHS.



Sophomore Bill Meade sits and waits for basketball practice to begin.



Varsity football player Joe Pawlak's locker gets decorated before a game.

# It All Begins



Bob Ashely talks over possible future plans in the Navy.



Actress Lori Kellenberger puts on her glasses to try to hide from fans.



Senior Lori Kellenberger works intensely on the choir float.



Swampy and Moco sitting in the dark halls while waiting for their buses.

## Concerts provide entertaining change of pace.

Once in a while comes a time for exchanging blue jeans for tuxedos and long dresses. No, it is not the Senior Prom, but Merrillville's frequent concerts. These concerts never fail to thoroughly entertain their audiences.

Titled "Season's Greetings", the Christmas concert included both the band and choir. The groups performed both traditional and more contemporary Christmas selections. Soprano Vickie Evans captivated the audience with the solo "O Holy Night".

The Spring Band Concert featured the band's contest pieces which they performed the next weekend in competition. They received a first place and it was easy to see why. The lively tunes showed off the musicians' ability to play well together.

The Spring Choir Concert, "I Return to Music" delighted the audience with songs by concert choir, Vocalteens, Velveteens, and Girls' Glee. They "returned to music" by performing the music from different eras. The 1940's, '50's, and '60's came alive through the clever costumes and dances. The students in all of Merrillville's concerts spend many hours of practice and hard work to bring their audiences moments of delightful entertainment.



Corky Christoff, Rick Wilburn, Jerry earman, Doug Robinson, Larry Adams, and John Burrus work off some nervous energy before the Christmas concert.



Flutists Jeannine Kacmar, Cheryl Pall, and Sandi Leone accompany saxophone players Mike Brown and John Davies.



An aerial view of the band during its spring concert shows that all is in order.



The Spring choir concert included both the concert choir and the Girls' Glee under the direction of Mr. Reinhart.



The barbershop quartet made up of Julie Ban, Kaye Oliver, Sharon Bianchi, and Sharon Metros perform "Oh Baby Mine."



Laurie Canchola, Jenny Toby, Alexis Loda, and Janie Harper borrowed '50's costumes for the Velveteen song "Sincerely".



Ric Schuster and partner Michaelene Hamang bring back the '60's era with the Vocaleens' Beach Boys Medley.



## WINTER:

When the snow first fell back in December, all the skiers started polishing up their skis. But after those first few inches of snow melted away, 40° weather followed for weeks. Then finally on January 24, the snow came again, this time to stay. The Ski Club could finally go on its cancelled ski trips and plan ahead for more. The snow continued to fall and it looked like winter was finally here.



THINK  
SNOW



## A time to enjoy



## 111 gain Mid Year freedom

Sunday, January 27 was the long awaited day for the Seniors graduating Mid-Term. Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies were both held on the same day. These ceremonies were held in Reinhart Auditorium. The number of Mid-term Grads this year was 111. The diplomas were distributed by Superintendent Schrenker and the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Schuyler, made the final address to the Mid-term graduates.



Seniors Roy Becker, Beth Truman and Mark Milo enjoy each others company at the Senior Breakfast.



Jayne Tomko and Sue Hardt have breakfast together at the Senior Breakfast.



Sandy Roytan walks on stage to accept her diploma from Dr. Schrenker.



The Class of 1980 awaits the presentation of their diplomas.



# MERRILLVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1980

PROCESSIONAL.....	Julie Ban, Organist
MASTER OF CEREMONIES.....	Paul D. Schuyler
INVOCATION.....	Rev. Howard Chartier
HEAVENLY LIGHT.....	A. Kopylow
	Choir
	Accompanist - Laura Eich      Director - Jerauld Reinhart
AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD.....	G. F. Handel
	Choir
	Accompanist - Laura Eich      Director - Jerauld Reinhart
FACULTY SPEAKER.....	Mrs. Agnes Lynch
THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU.....	P. C. Lutkin
	Choir
	Director - Jerauld Reinhart
RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS.....	Rev. Fred Lubs
BOARD OF EDUCATION.....	John Ban
PRESENTATION OF CLASS.....	Paul D. Schuyler
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.....	Robert Schrenker
BENEDICTION.....	Rev. Howard Chartier
RECESSIONAL.....	Julie Ban, Organist

## Mid-Term Graduates

Ron Abney	Tammy Fausnaugh	Roxanne Mikuly	Julie Russel
Chris Arredondo	John Favretto	Kathy Milenki	Dawn Schultz
Barbara Ashley	Marcia Fiacable	Mark Milo	David Scott
Robin Balcerak	Dennis Fidone	Kathy Mischon	Leann Sharp
Kathy Bartman	Jim Filipowicz	Kim Mizerak	Richard Sibinic
Roy Becker	Evangeline Galanos	Renee Modrowski	Cassandra Sielski
Jim Beddome	Leonard Garavalia	Mark Moore	Deborah Smith
Lisa Bielak	Julie Geary	Steve Moravskij	Diane Smith
Jane Blaney	Tanya Grdinich	Dan Morton	Tami Smith
Lisa Bromberg	Cheryl Hajvert	Larry Nay	Melinda Spradley
Paula Buggie	Debra Hansen	Karen Nelson	John Spurlock
Patrick Burns	Susan Hardt	Bonnie Neumeyer	James Swift
Anica Cacovski	Colin Harms	Dale Newlin	Tony Swigon
Cindy Castellanos	John Hefty	Pamela Nicholson	Bret Taylor
Lisa Chadd	Kathy Hicks	Patty Odom	Jayne Tomko
Mark Chartier	Nancy Jones	Bill Pearson	Maureen Turman
Robert Churilla	John Jurasevich	Milan Pejic	Beth Turner
Brett Cookston	Gretchen Karas	Gordana Petrovski	Mary Jane Vandertuuk
Jeff R. Davis	Laura King	Cheryl Pfautz	Merry Vargas
Sandy Dennick	Eleni Korakakis	Kimberly Polak	Michael Walker
James Dienes	Karen Kowalczyk	Sandra Popp	Penni Watson
George DeVault	Dewayne Lape	Nancy Randhan	Dona White
Johanna Dovellos	Betty Melcher	Lorraine Rapo	Eileen Wirtz
Phillip Dres	Laura Maresko	Kelly Roberson	Dave Zale
Richard Dreyovich	Sue Maris	Harold Ross	Daniel Zona
Larry Eleftheri	Lisa Marsee	Linda Roszkowski	

## A Night to Remember

December 1 was an enjoyable evening for many students. This year's Turn-about was sponsored by the Merrillville High School FTA members. The theme of the dance was Winter Wonderland. A fantasy it was for many while embraced in someone's arms, dancing to a mellow sound provided by the music group, Fluid Motion.

Turn-about night is also an opportunity to reverse the old tradition "guy asks girl." A girl has a chance to ask out the guy she has been admiring, possibly even secretly. After a fun-filled night of laughter and dancing, all retire to a peaceful dinner at a restaurant with a light and cozy atmosphere.



Juniors John Truchan and Kathy Szmagaj take time out between dances to pose for our photographer.



Mike Kerulis and Kathy Mestousis, both Seniors, take a break from the action on the dance floor.



Seniors Corky Christoff and Lisa Barkasi enjoy dancing to the music by Fluid Motion.



The smile on Gail Callender's face indicates the good time she's having at the Turn-About dance with her date.

# Activity Day



School days get to be a bit monotonous after a while. Once every three weeks, students have the opportunity to break up their everyday schedule with an activity period fit in between second and third hours. Chess, Coin Collecting, Dance and Data Processing are only a few of the many classes available. Ask Phil Maicher, pictured left, how exciting Chess is to play; that is, when you're winning.

Phil Maicher enjoys a winning game of chess.



Taught by Ms. Galanis and Mrs. Hardaloupas, Greek dancing was very popular.



Many students, including Larry Lewandowski, Steve Gratto, Tim Dobis

and Jeff Swike, were among the data processing class.



The beginning bridge class, taught by Mr. Yeoman, enjoys a game of cards.

# Lights, Camera, Action

This year the 1980 Revue, entitled "That's Entertainment," was the main attraction at the Reinhart Auditorium on the 22nd and 23rd evenings of February. Starring in the Revue were the Muppets. The voices of the puppet people were narrated by the Thespians under the direction of Mr. Morrow. Michaelene Hamang played the voice of Miss Piggy, John Brady was the voice of Kermit the Frog, the voice of Animal was Bryan Reinhart, and Dave Gruber played the voice of Rowlf.

Without hard work and determination, the Revue could not have been a success. In the first few weeks of January, fifty-five acts prepared for auditioning, which took two nights. Only the top nineteen acts were chosen. The Revue was like a variety type show with skits, singing, and dancing.



Kevin Barclay, Vickie Evans, Greg Linneman, Kathy Gruber, and Mont

Handley prepare for the opening number, "They'll be Playing Our Song."



It's opening night; just ten minutes before performance as a few Thes-

pians receive some final words of confidence.



Dave Bedella helps Vickie Evans with her make-up while Michaelene Hamang supervises.





Vickie Evans, Lori Kellenberger and Tracy Otterbacher pose as the Andrews Sisters.

MERRILLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

THESPIANS PRESENT

# REVUE 80

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

DIRECTOR - *JOSEPH MORROW*

STUDENT DIRECTORS - *KATHY GRUBER AND ALAN SIERKOWSKI*

CHOREOGRAPHER - *Eileen Moses*



Ric Schuster and John Davies survey the land shark's damage in "Jaws 10."

Dave Bedella sings a Streisand medley that Animal finds touching.





## Spring: a beginning and an end

When it begins to rain, and flowers start to bloom, you can bet that spring is here.

Spring sports, such as baseball, tennis and golf begin getting underway. Various clubs and groups start to plan for their field trips. Prom comes and goes and soon the junior-senior prom is only a memory. Seniors begin to plan days to the beach with friends. Seniors become excited as they count down to their last day. Final exams approach and pass. Soon the 1979-1980 school year will come to an end.





This year's Jr.-Sr. class Play which was titled *The Man Who Came to Dinner* was a complete success. Three nights of fun-filled action and drama were carried out by all participating performers. All 31 cast members and backstage committees were well commended for the very hard work and dedication that they put forth in making the play an accomplishment to be proud of. This year's play was a three-act comedy. It was directed by Mr. Joseph Morrow and the student director was Tracy Otterbacher.



David Bedella and Lori Kellenberger, alias Sheridan Whiteside and Lorraine Sheldon discuss an upcoming wedding. As the play progressed, Lorraine wound up locked in the mummy case on the right.



Tracy Otterbacher, student director, has fun with Pete Nommensen while filling in for Diane Sovljanski.

## CAST

MRS. STANLEY .....	VICKIE EVANS*
MISS PREEN .....	DIANE SOVLJANSKI*
RICHARD STANLEY .....	JOHN BRADY*
JUNE STANLEY .....	MICHAELINE HAMANG*
JOHN .....	PAUL SMITH*
SARAH .....	YVONNE GARZA*
MRS. DEXTER .....	MARYANN LINDGREN*
MRS. MC CUTCHEON .....	KAREN MACKANOS
MR. STANLEY .....	JOHN DAVIS
MAGGIE CUTLER .....	LISE JANSEN*
DR. BRADLEY .....	JIM PESCHKE
SHERIDAN WHITESIDE .....	DAVID BEDELLA*
HARRIET STANLEY .....	NANCY HOLDERMAN
BERT JEFFERSON .....	BILL HUTSON
PROFESSOR METZ .....	TIM DIEFFENBACH*
LUNCHEON GUEST .....	KEVIN BARCLAY
LUNCHEON GUEST .....	NEIL MC ANALLY
MR. BAKER .....	KURT REY
EXPRESSMAN .....	LORI KELLENBERGER*
LORRAINE SHELTON .....	KEVIN BARCLAY
SANDY .....	ALAN SIERKOWSKI*
LESLEY CARLTON .....	JOHN KATRIS
WESCOTT .....	NEIL MC ANALLY
RADIO TECHNICIAN .....	JANIS WILSON*
RADIO TECHNICIAN .....	SHARON BIANCHI
CHOIR GIRL .....	TERESA BADAR
CHOIR GIRL .....	MARYANN LINDGREN*
CHOIR GIRL .....	KAREN MACKANOS
BANJO .....	PETE NOMMENSEN*
PLAINCLOTHES MAN .....	KEVIN BARCLAY
PLAINCLOTHES MAN .....	NEIL MC ANALLY
PLAINCLOTHES MAN .....	JOHN KATRIS



## memorable moments



John Brady and Dave Bedella act out a scene in the play.



Dave Bedella broadcasts his radio program with the Choir Girls, as the "Stanley Family" listens in.



The 1980 Cast—Bottom row: Dave Bedella, Bill Hutson, Lisa Jansen, Vickie Evans, Pete Nommensen, Karen Mackanos, Maryann Lindgren. Top row: Lori Kellenberger, Jim Peschke, Paul Smith, John Davis, Alan Sierkowski, Neil McAnally, Janis Wilson, Yvonne Garza, Sharon Bianchi, Nancy Holderman, Teresa Badar, Kevin Barclay, Michaelene Hamang, John Brady, Tim Dieffenbach. Not Pictured: Diane Sovljanski, Kurt Rey, and John Katris.

# One heavenly night to remember

This year's Junior-Senior Prom sponsored by the Junior Class was planned in the Senior's honor. The theme "One Heavenly Night" spoke for itself. The 212 couples attending this year's Prom were entertained by the music provided by the Deep River Band. While the band took a break between songs the guests were entertained by a magic act. Assisting the magician were Juniors John Feczko and Jeff Hacker. Couples were tided over with punch and cookies until the dinner of prime rib was served. The annual Post Prom started at midnight and continued on until the early morning hours. Parents sponsored this portion of the evening. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of King and Queen. The student attending Prom nominated Phil Maicher as King and Nancy Burkhart as Queen.



Prom King and Queen? No, this is Senior Jill Moore and her date, Greg Callendar, enjoying themselves.



Dan Traficante, Bill Harvorth and Tom Laco show off their dates' flowers before Prom.



Senior Leann Sharp and her date enjoy some of the refreshments that were served before dinner.



Junior Denise Dixon and her date take a break from the dancing.



Senior Kathy McLaughlin gives Junior Bob Orosz the O.K. that his top hat and cane go with his tux.



Many couples showed a liking to polkas as shown here.



Many couples got little or no sleep after a fun-filled evening of dancing and romancing at the Prom. They were eager to get ready for another adventurous day which was the grand finale of a great deal of preparation. Many of the girls had to get up extra early to prepare picnic lunches if they went to places such as Turkey Run, Pokagen, Starved Rock, and Indiana Beach. Other couples opted for places like Great America, Brookfield Zoo, Navy Pier, and Comiskey Park.

Fortunately, the weather co-operated and the day after Prom was beautiful. It was 85° and very sunny. Among others who went to Great America were Jennifer Bartolomei and Jeff Fratzke. George Bravos and his date Nancy Christoff spent the day at Turkey Run State Park.

## A little dance . . . a little romance . . .

Love is the magician,  
the enchanter . . .  
with it, earth is heaven.

—Ingersoll



Loree Lewan and Jeff Jones tested out the water temperature of Lake Michigan at the Dunes National Park. Tom Smith and Nancy Grabek, and Steve Gratto and Toni Miller were two other couples who spent the day at Great America, riding the rides and enjoying the shows. Kathy Leaser and Dan Traficante drove down to Turkey Run where they took advantage of horseback riding, canoeing, and hiking the scenic trails.

It seemed strange to go back to school the following Monday and realize that all of the planning and last-minute worries were over. But the anticipation of an event like Prom really is half the fun. The seniors have a chance to enjoy the company of their classmates and friends, and the juniors look ahead to their last year and another Prom. And isn't that what high school's all about, looking ahead to the moments of the future?





and a lot of fun.





# Congratulations ... you've earned it!

After long hours of study and years of dedication, it is fitting that outstanding students should be recognized for the extra effort they put in at school. Trophies, certificates, and medals were distributed for various reasons on awards night.

Two of the most prestigious awards given every year are the Outstanding Senior Girl and Boy, this year won by Sue Niemeyer and Corky Christoff. Valedictorians speaking at commencement were also named: Ann Dunkelberger, Jeff Sanok, and Darlene Sekerez. Named salutatorian was Paul Olesh.

Other awards included.  
American Legion Auxiliary  
"Americanism Contest"

Ann Dunkelberger  
American Heart and Lung  
Association  
Jim Pappas

Association for Lutherans  
Scholarship

Patricia Homeier  
John Will Anderson

Foundation  
Dawn VanMeter, Kim  
McDonald, Nancy  
Samardzija

Ball State scholastic awards  
Maryann Lindgren, Paul  
Olesh, Paula Tully  
Bausch and Lomb Science  
Award

Tod Speer  
Boy's-Girl's State Candidates  
Mary Kino, Rose Shooter,  
Jennifer Toby, Dirk  
Hutchison, Andy Speer  
Alternates

Julie Ban, Laura Eich, Kim  
Vickroy, John Dimos, Ken  
Hancock

Broadway Methodist  
Candystriper Scholarship  
Ann Dunkelberger

Clumet College Book Award  
Larry Adams

CPA's of Indiana Summer  
Seminar  
Mike Chase, Linda Lepley,  
Maria Kyres

Danforth Foundation  
Leadership Award

Memo Dalkilic  
Maryann Lindgren

Daughters of American  
Revolution "Good  
Citizenship" Award  
Sue Niemeyer

Elks "Most Valuable Student"  
Linda Lepley, Paul Olesh,  
Steve Gratto

Evans Scholars Foundation  
Jim Lipton

Exchange Club "Outstanding  
Junior"

Dirk Hutchison  
Fogelson Foundation

Scholarships  
Ann Dunkelberger

Ken Huber  
Paul Olesh

Tod Speer



Senior Patricia Homeier is pleased to receive her TIMES "Scholastic Journalist Award". Patricia is sports editor for the yearbook.

Foreign Language Summer

Honors Program  
Doug Robinson

Dave Robinson  
Mary Kino

Mike Malenock  
Alternate

Melissa Dzyacky  
Future Teachers of America

Award  
Raine Carlson

Lynda Ruble  
German American National

Congress  
Andy Keler

Harsco Corp., Heckett  
Division

Patricia Homeier  
Hobart Chorus of Dunes

"International Champion"  
George Harper

Hoosier State Bank Board of  
Directors

Patty Dudak  
Hugh O'Brien "Outstanding

Sophomore"  
Jerry Pearson

Indiana Society of  
Professional Engineers

Mike Yesh  
Indiana State University

Scholastic Award

Ken Huber  
Indiana University Northwest

Scholarships  
Paul Olesh

Inland Ryerson Foundation  
Linda Lepley

Italian American Women's  
Club

Kathy Puntillo  
John Crouch

Jill Jaskolka Memorial  
Scholarship

Ann Dunkelberger  
Journalism Award for

Outstanding Service  
Debbie Schoon

Mike Djurich  
Frank Katris

Stephanie Ciesielski  
La Salle Steel Company

Scholarship  
Jeff Nixon

Media Fair Award  
David Gruber

Bryan Reinhart  
Merrillville Chamber of

Commerce Scholarship  
Paul Olesh

Merrillville Kiwanis Police  
Camp Scholarship



Mr. Stone congratulates Dale Adams, who hasn't missed a day of school in twelve years.

Doug Barnack  
 Dr. Moses Optometric Vision  
 Care Art Award  
 Karen Sohovich  
 National Merit Scholarship  
 Corporation  
 Ann Dunkelberger  
 Patricia Homeier  
 Richard Johnson  
 Jeffrey Nixon  
 Commended Student  
 Jeff Sanok  
 Century III Leader  
 Ann Dunkelberger  
 Olivet Nazarene College  
 Honor Scholarship  
 Libby Hines  
 Post Tribune "Most Valuable  
 Staffer"  
 Maryann Lindgren  
 Purdue University Creative  
 Writing Contest  
 Ann Dunkelberger  
 Regional Science Fair Awards:  
 Gylte Memorial Award  
 Gold Medal in Medicine  
 U.S. Air Force Science  
 Award  
 U.S. Army Science Award  
 American Cancer Society  
 Jim Pappas  
 Rotary Speech Contest  
 Award  
 Ann Dunkelberger  
 Skinner Scholarships  
 Ann Dunkelberger  
 Maryann Lindgren  
 Memo Dalkilic  
 Paul Olesh  
 Paula Tully  
 Linda Lepley  
 Beth Maddack  
 Dave Jankowski  
 Suburban Federated  
 Women's Club  
 Trouper Award Theater  
 Tim Dieffenbach  
 Outstanding Band Student  
 Dawn Scott  
 Outstanding Business  
 Student  
 Penny Moritz  
 Outstanding Female Athlete  
 Susan Niemeyer  
 Summer Institutes  
 Patty Dudak—ISU  
 Paul Smith—ISU  
 Teamster's Local 142  
 Scholarships  
 Arthur Harms  
 Connie Hoekstra  
 The Times "Scholastic  
 Journalist Award"



Joan Kacmar, Tammy Nelson, Connie Hoekstra, Jim Langbehn, Sue Hardt, Marcia Fiacable, and Steve Gratto were among the 16 students named recipients of Purdue University Superior Student Awards.

Patricia Homeier  
 U.S. Air Force Academy  
 Sue Niemeyer  
 U.S. Air Force R.O.T.C.  
 Corky Christoff  
 VFW—"Voice of Democracy"  
 award  
 3rd place —Mark Catchur  
 Donna Hendrickson  
 Toni Tommasi  
 Lisa Barkasi  
 John Davies  
 Betsy Shrader  
 2nd place—Alan Sierkowski  
 1st place—Ann  
 Dunkelberger

Xi Epsilon Mu, Beta Sigma Phi  
 Scholarship  
 Marcia Fiacable

Departmental awards  
 Mathematics  
 Rich Johnson  
 Science  
 Ann Dunkelberger

English  
 Ann Dunkelberger  
 Patricia Homeier  
 Sue Niemeyer  
 Social Studies  
 Sally Wolf

Mike Chase  
 Foreign Language  
 Joan Kacmar  
 Eden Capuli  
 Paul Olesh  
 Rosalie Thalmann  
 Andy Kelnor  
 Maryann Lindgren

Art  
 Karen Sohovich  
 Kay Wharton

Noreen Kloc  
 Business  
 Cheri Glatt  
 Penny Moritz  
 Paul Olesh  
 Home Economics  
 Mary Bickel  
 Cheryl Pierce  
 Nancy Fargo  
 Music  
 Dawn Spott  
 Corky Christoff  
 Tim Dieffenbach  
 Physical Education  
 Mike Anderson  
 Peggy Able

Industrial Arts  
 Dave Hampton  
 Richard Johnson  
 Ernie Mayer  
 Marva Stanley  
 John Bukur  
 David Heiser  
 Mike Krisko  
 Pam Mattingly  
 Seniors with perfect  
 attendance  
 3 years—  
 John Crouch  
 Jeffrey Fratzke  
 4 years—  
 Dorothy Bliznakoff

Jeffrey Dietrich  
 Thomas Drabik  
 Ann Dunkelberger  
 Ruth Fiebelkorn  
 Michaelene Hamang  
 Edna Machnik  
 Perfect Attendance for 12  
 years  
 Dale Adams



Captain Phil Narris congratulates Susan Niemeyer on her appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado.

## Two events are the beginning

Mixed emotions is probably the best way to describe how Seniors feel as their last days in high school are rapidly approaching. Some can hardly wait to receive their diplomas and be out on their own. Others aren't so anxious to leave the security that the school routine gave them. Whatever the case, senior ditch day and senior breakfast were two of the events that completed the senior year for 554 graduates.

Although it wasn't the best day weather-wise, ditch day found the senior absentee list very full. Approximately half the class spent the day at the beach, playing softball, or just plain relaxing.

Just a week later, the same students looked quite different as they dressed for Senior

breakfast. While eating a full breakfast including sausage, bacon and eggs, hash browns, and rolls, seniors were able to reminisce about past times and discuss plans for the future. Later, the entire class assembled in the gym to practice for commencement. Last minute instructions were given on everything from the proper way to turn a tassel to the correct way to walk across the stage.

Finally, under the watchful eye of Merrillville police, the class of '80 expressed the happiness graduation brings for the benefit of the underclassmen. For nearly half an hour, little studying could take place as the procession of happy graduates honked their way around the school.



Marty Castellanos pauses to adjust tuxedo as he fills out the form that will inform the professional photographer to take his picture receiving his diploma.



A farewell wave of relief from "Brownie" after Commencement.

Dr. Secitor informs Dave Krol that he only has a few minutes to get down to the gym for commencement practice.



of the end for seniors.



Kathy McLaughlin, Lisa Barkasi, and Andrea Shingle clown around as they reminisce about their high school years at senior breakfast.

One nice thing about school is the friendships made as Kay Wharton, Mary Beth Gans, Diane Milanovich, Kathy Jannasch, Lora Eyrich, and Nancy Vrtikapa have discovered.





Three years ago, the moment you stepped in the high school's doors, you probably thought you'd be here forever. But on a very special night in early June, you discovered that you were wrong. Graduation had come and your high school years were over.

443 graduates knew this feeling only too well as they attended the Baccalaureate ceremony, held Sunday June 1. Speaking at the ceremony were Rev. Gerald A. Sroka, and Rev. Richard J. Chrispell. Rev. Chrispell's message impressed upon the class the differences between a giver and a taker and encouraged them to make giving a central part of their lives. The concert choir sang several religious songs to help set the tone of

the ceremony.

The next day the graduates marched to the traditional music of "Pomp and Circumstance." Senior class President Chris Roark presided over the ceremony. After the seniors entered the gym, Rev. Mark Murphy delivered the invocation. Then the senior members of the band were asked to join the rest of the band for the final time.

The three valedictorians each gave an address. Ann Dunkelberger spoke on the importance of following your dreams. Jeff Sanok stressed striving for excellence. Darlene Sekerez discussed the significance of progress and achievement. Salutatorian Paul Olesh reminded the seniors that the choice of a dream is not as important as

its pursuit.

Then the moment came which everyone had been awaiting. Chris presented his class to Superintendent Robert Schrenker who awarded the diplomas. Scholarships earned by seniors were also announced to the pride of the

family and friends in the audience.

A turn of the tassel and graduation was complete. The jubilant seniors marched out leaving behind the memories and friendships that could never be replaced.



## The moment passed—the time for celebration



Nancy Rocich, Roberta Rosen, and Harold Ross are caught by the photographer during Commencement exercises.

After the Senior Breakfast George Bravos, Greg Brown, Mike Yesh, Jeff Sanok, Corky Christoff, Doug Deck and Scott Richter pose with Mr. Talmadge.





Benita Shimley, Andrea Shingle and Patty Shirley listen attentively to one of the speeches during Commencement.

These Seniors wait anxiously for their names to be called to receive their diplomas.



is now!



Mark Catchur proudly accepts his diploma from Dr. Schrenker.

## COMMENCEMENT

June 2, 1980  
7:00 p.m.

Processional	..... Elgar
Pomp and Circumstance	..... Band
Master of Ceremonies	..... Christopher Roark Senior Class President
Invocation	..... Rev. Mark Murphy
How the West Was Won	..... Immel-Hyggens Band
Co-Valedictorians	..... Ann Dunkelberger Jeffrey Sanok Darlene Sekerez
God of Our Fathers	..... Smith Band
Salutatorian	..... Paul Olesh
Board of Education	..... Dr. John Ban
Superintendent	..... Dr. Robert Schrenker
Presentation of Senior Class	..... Christopher Roark
Presentation of Diplomas	..... Dr. Robert Schrenker Mr. Paul Schuyler
Benediction	..... Rev. Mark Murphy
Recessional	..... Buchtel
Overture Americana	..... Band

## ACADEMICS

A teacher who can arouse  
a feeling for one  
single good action, for  
one single good poem,  
accomplishes more than  
he who fills our memory  
with rows on rows of  
natural objects,  
classified with name  
and form.

Johann Wolfgang Von Goeth





# Library gives students "thinking space"

One way to insure better grades is to do research. The Instructional Media Center provides a place to do such research. But, the I.M.C. is more than encyclopedias. The library has books to suit any tastes.

Not only does the library cater to reading tastes, but it offers maps and posters to interested students.

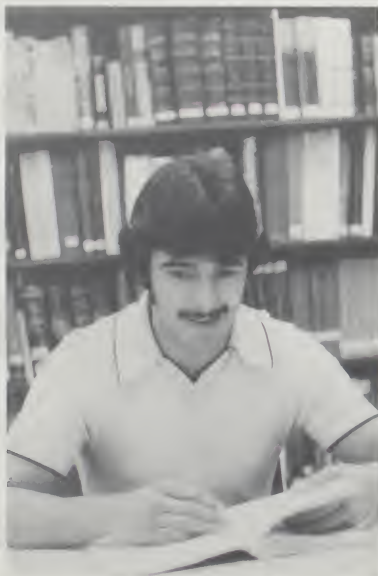
Mrs. Burrus and Mrs. Solich assisted students in finding what they needed.



Greg Brown does some research for a class.



Mrs. Burrus checks something in a reference book.



Marty Castellanos speeds through a reference book.



Tim Dietzenbach and Bill Hutson gather information for term papers.

Lisa Barkasi and Michelle Faire prepare notecards for Advanced Comp.



# A.V. provides students with movies and videos



A.V. is a great help to the students at M.H.S. Along with providing educational films and records, the A.V. students make videotapes and slides of some classes as part of the junior high orientation

program.

The A.V. department, under the direction of Velven Wooldridge, also laminated maps, pictures, and posters to prolong their usage.

Mrs. Smith, a secretary and aide, signs out films.

Sandy Mochl rewinds a videotape for future use.



John Hoderak supervises other students while they check machines.

Mr. Wooldridge laminates a poster for a class.





## English provides moments of challenge



Senior Nancy Vrtikapa demonstrates her talent in gift wrapping for her speech class.



Debbie Elsner is disrupted in Mrs. Fry's class.

The English department at Merrillville offers a variety of courses. Students no longer have to think of English as a class that teaches you just how to write a sentence. Students can now pick a course that will be of interest to them. These courses include Perspectives on Death, Medical Terminology, Mythology, and many others.

A new course has been added at Merrillville this year. This class is Developmental Reading. Unlike other classes, it is a pass or fail course. The purpose of it is to improve your reading speed and comprehension. It's taught by a video tape. Many students feel this course really helps them.



Beth Maddack increases her reading skills with M.H.S.'s new Developmental Reading course.

# Foreign language offers many benefits



This Spanish class learns speech skills by using the headphones.

German class welcomes a break by the M.H.S. photographer.



Juniors Rick Rhodes and Jeff Jamroz study for a Spanish test.

Mrs. Jeffries instructs her first hour class.

## Learn "How-to" in Industrial Arts

Industrial Arts classes provide the student with experience in various technical and trade areas. The shop classes' purpose is to acquaint students with different trades. The more classes a student takes, the better he is equipped to choose the trade he would like to pursue.

A student who is not going into a career in these areas would take Industrial Arts classes to better his knowledge as a consumer.

Some of the classes offered are House Planning and Construction, Wood Shop, Auto Mechanics, and Graphics.



Both male and female students participate in Industrial Arts classes.

Bob Daniel and Dan Haviza work for perfection on their projects.



Auto Mechanics allows one to learn the basics and fix one's own car.



Junior Dave Frank tries his hand at sanding.

# Building Trades strikes again!



Above is the house that this year's Senior Jim Popovich shows off his favorite beams.



One of the building trades classes takes time out for a picture.

Working on the roof has a strange effect on some students (below), but others just take it in stride.



The building trades class is into its second successful year. The class has begun work on a new house in the Savannah Ridge subdivision located in Merrillville. This is also the location of the house built by last year's class.

The building trades class is headed by Mr. Lealon Bottom. This is also his second year as instructor. The students are called upon to conquer many different tasks. One day they may be digging ditches, and the next day they might be mixing cement. The main purpose of this class is to enable the student to find what trade in building a house he would like to master. The money from selling the house is used to cover the cost of materials for next year's house.

The class is a one year, six credit course which consists of a morning class and an afternoon class. It offers the student both a change of pace and the benefit of valuable skills.

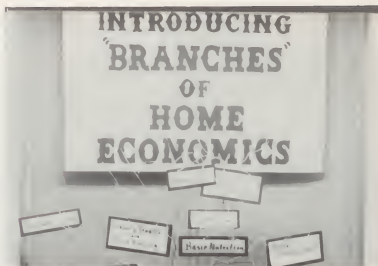




# Home Ec develops valuable skills

Home Ec classes offer a wide variety of learning experiences ranging from basic cooking and sewing to advanced cake decorating. Home Ec classes teach the

student basic skills needed to run a home, rear children, and manage a family. Other classes include Gourmet Foods, Housing, and Home Nursing.



The Branches of Home Economics. Peter Giorgi peels apples for a pie.



Melinda Spradley looks proud of her creation in Advanced Cake Decorating.

Tim Andrey practices decorating his cake.



Jeff Snow and Jeff Balas demonstrate their ability in cooking.



## Artistic moments express creativity



Miss Elser assists Leeann Sharpe with her pastel.

Diane Sovljanski caught drawing a Christmas ornament.



The Marian by Christy Dickson.

Culture was not lacking in the M.H.S. curriculum this year. Art, one of the most satisfying classes, allowed students to be creative. Art projects require talent and knowledge of principles in design and composition. Students also need an appreciation for the beauty in our universe. After taking Basic Art, which is required before anything else, the prospective artist can choose from Commercial Art, Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, and Fibers. Art allows students to express their creativity.



Marci Pelley creates in ceramics class.

Lisa Higgins makes a box in ceramics.



# History relives moments in the past

A mandatory minor in social studies provides students the opportunity to study the effects of the past on the present and the present on the future. The juniors are required to take two semesters of history which must be completed by graduation. Students taking history are able to follow the course of events which have led to America's current world position.

Discussing current events every Monday in Mrs. Mandon's class or making a magazine of the past year in

Mr. Edgecomb's are a few of the learning techniques employed in American History.

Seniors take a mandatory semester of Government. Students are expected to comprehend the workings of the government on local, state, and national levels. A second semester is spent in a social studies elective: consumer economics or theory economics. Here students study the Gross National Products, micro and macro economics, and many more interesting subjects.



Junior Forest Illes listens intently in Miss Galanis's history class.

Mr. Choncoff's Economics class takes a break before discussing current events.



Mrs. Hardaloupas' history class wishes her farewell at her going away party.



Mr. Mulloy campaigns.

## Scientific experiments explain "Why?"



Mr. Yovanovich listens intently to an interested student.

Biology, Chemistry, and Physics are some of the science courses offered at Merrillville. All these classes help prepare a student for a career in science. Physics, which is taught by Mr. Vermillion, is highly stressed for

the individual who is pursuing a career in science. Science is probably the most interesting and rewarding subject one can take. Each year a student enters into a new dimension, learning more and more with each class taken.



Animals have become a large interest in our science department.



Sandy Jonasas observes the outcome of a biology experiment.



Chris Lazarian likes the results of this biology sample.

# Business provides skill for future careers

In today's working world, stress is placed on experience and skill. This especially refers to those considering a career in clerical or management skills. The Business department helps students gain these skills. Courses ranging from General Business to Accounting and Recordkeeping are offered to interested students. The General Business course provides an overall knowledge of things that you use in everyday life such as insurance and checking accounts. This course is offered to sophomores only. Typing is offered to all students and concentrates on speed and skill.

Every third Friday, a guest speaker talks to the business classes and tells them about the many opportunities for skilled clerical workers needed in the business world.



Junior Kathy Valencia concentrates on her assignment in office machines class.

Seniors Mary Dizacky, Ann Dunkelberger, and Lora Eyrich practice the skills they have learned.

Junior Ron Ippolito seems to be enjoying his first year of typing.



Senior Rosalie Thalmann takes a second to look at the camera while the rest of the class continues to type.



# Computers help math students see the future



Senior Adam Spiroff stays after school to finish his math assignment.

Todd Banks arrives at a solution to his trigonometry problem.



Senior Roy Becker tries to figure out how to use the computer.

This year, along with the usual Algebra, Geometry, Trig and Analyt, the math curriculum offered a computer programming class. In this class, students program their computer to do basic problems. When the students are finished with their assignments,

they can play games like Star Trek and Hangman.

As usual this year, the Indiana University Calculator contest ended with Merrillville winning. There were also three other math contests at Chesterton, MC Rogers and Purdue University.



Lisa Lewan and Biliana Maniviloski compare their results.

Mr. Hutchison talks to a student before class.





# Sophomores build sound minds and bodies

One way for any student to achieve a sound mind and body is through the Physical Education classes at M.H.S. Sophomores, who were required to take gym, learned basic skills in many areas of sports, including swimming, archery, volleyball, and tennis. Elective courses for juniors and seniors are also offered. M.H.S. is well known for its Physical Education program.

Catherine Carija perfects her vaulting in gym class.

Beth Millteer is caught by our cameras while grading a test.

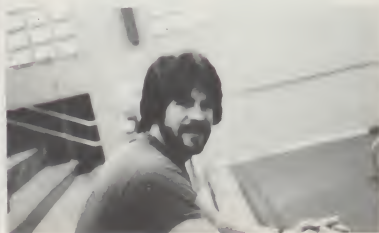


Sue Deer practices her backhand.

Sandy Simic holds a graceful pose while playing volleyball.



Mr. Gerich, the new swimming teacher, relaxes between classes.



# Choirs make their own kind of music



Dave Bedella shows his sense of humor before a concert.

Mr. Reinhart keeps an eye on things during a Vocalteen engagement.

Velveteens Carrie Grose and Janie Harper perfect their routine.

The four choirs, Vocalteens, Velveteens, Concert Choir, and Girls Glee Club, had two concerts this year; the annual Christmas concert with the band, featuring a solo by Vickie Evans, and the Spring Concert, also with the band. The new Flag Corps performed with the band during half-time and before games under the direction of Miss Sue Hamer.

Also, 139 firsts and 29 seconds were awarded to M.H.S. students at NISBOVA. Three solos, two vocal and one piano, and two ensembles received perfect scores at the contest held at Lew Wallace.

The choir performed at the Choral Festival held at Griffith High School in March. They sang two songs as a group, then joined five other schools in a mass chorus and sang five others.



Ric Schuster and Vickie Evans mug for the cameras during rehearsal.

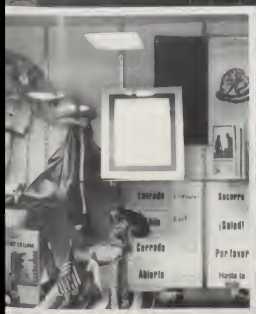


## CLUBS

But life has such  
Diversity I sometimes  
remarkably lose  
Eternity in the  
passing moment.

Christopher Fry





## Student Council represents their classes

The MHS Student Council chose a new way of installing members and officers this year. Instead of just joining the council, members had to first acquire a petition with 20 names. Then an election was held. The entire student body picked 10 students from each class to represent them in the council. The three officers were also elected by their fellow peers, not just the student council.

After beginning-of-the-year-organization, members

headed such projects as selling General Cinema tickets at discount prices and sponsoring an intramural basketball tournament. Some members also helped out at the annual blood drive. If Mr. Schulyer wanted to know what the majority of the students were thinking on an issue, all he had to do was ask a student council member. Each one's responsibility is to represent his class, because that is what student government is all about.



Student Council officers for 1980. Vice-President, Tod Speer; President, Memo Dalkilic; and Secretary-Treasurer, Teresa Badar.



Bottom row—Dawn Darksins, Billy Hutson, Felicia Dixon, Debbie Neal, Diane Dimitri. Second row—Carrie Grose, Melissa Burelli, Andrea Shingle, George Bravos, Xavier Canchola, Andy Kelner. Third row—Lisa Wood, Jim Dimos, Patty Rutkin, Tracy Forsythe, Diane Konrady, Sue Barton, Edna Machnik. Top row—Michelle Glatt, Sponsors Dr. Sectors, Mr. Mulloy, and Mr. Furness, Teresa Badar, Vickie Evans, Mindy Albach.



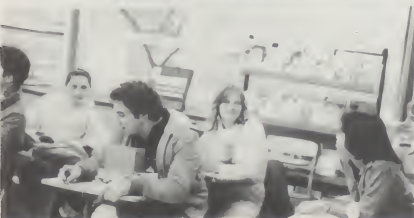
# Honor Society inducts elite few



Row 1: Libby Hines, Becky Wiles, Betsy Shrader, Sue Hardt, Penny Moritz, Linda Lepley, Noreen Kloc, Donna Johnson.  
Row 2: Jeff Nixon, Eden Capuli, Mary Ann Lindgren, Patricia Homeier, Tod Speer, Paula Tully, Darlene Sekerez, Michelle Faire.  
Row 3: Joy Koen, Ann Dunkelberger, Paul Olesh, Sue Barton, Mike Chase, Mike Nonos, Ray Diana, Marija Mace, Lori Kellenburger.  
Row 4: Rich Johnson, George Bravos, Ken Huber, Jeff Fratzke, Steve Gratto, Mike Antic, Rick Pochop.  
Row 5: Art Harms, Alex Christoff, Laura Papp, Beth Ekaltis.

The National Honor Society consists of those members who have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Membership in the Honor Society also is based on their willingness to serve their school, participation in school activities, and the efficiency in which these duties are performed. Eden Capuli and Pat Homeier entered the "NHS Scholarship Contest" in which \$1000 scholarship money is offered.

1980 NHS officers: President Corky Christoff, Vice-President Eden Capuli, Treasurer Maryann Lindgren, and Secretary George Bravos.



At an NHS meeting Michelle Faire and Eden Capuli discuss plans for sponsoring "American English" while Dara Galic looks on.

NHS President Corky Christoff conducts a meeting with the help of sponsor Mrs. Mandon.

# Successful moments belong to Future Teachers

1979 started off a busy and successful year for the Future Teachers of America. In the beginning of the year, FTA members became elves for teachers and the administration. An elf gave her faculty members gifts on holidays or just little friendly hellos throughout the year.

"Winter Wonderland" was the name of the Turnabout Dance held on December 8. FTA members gave a Valentine's Day Party for the Special Education children at Miller School. Members also sponsored an Easter Breakfast to end their busy year.



Kirsten Pedersen, Mrs. Teeter, Dawn Darkins, Raine Carlson, Mrs. Bashore, Linda Brizendine, Sue Grant, Lynda Ruble, Jeff Lipski, Renee Shamblee, Penny Moritz, Sherry Hartmann, Dawn Spott, Ed Celorio.



FTA officers: Penny Moritz, Lynda Ruble, Raine Carlson, Kirsten Pedersen.

## FHA learns valuable skills

The Future Homemakers of America were led this year by President Nancy Fargo. The club was also fortunate to have foreign exchange student Shizumi Okada join in the fun.

Their activities for the year included selling stationery. The club learned many useful things that will help them become successful future homemakers.



Theresa Scott, Joni Wilkerson, Sharon Hefty, Cindy Lenker, Kim Jankowski, Shizumi Okada, Sponsor Mrs. Seale, Nancy Fargo.

Sharon Hefty, Kim Jankowski, and Shizumi Okada make jewelry boxes for others.



# Spreading Sunshine is the whole idea

The Sunshine Society is an active organization at MHS and participates in many and various activities throughout the year. Starting in October, the club hosted a New Teachers Breakfast and also conducted their formal Candlelight Initiation Service. During November, Thank-giving baskets were distributed to needy families for those who needed cheer. Also, November was the

month for candy sales. The holiday season put Sunshiners in the Christmas spirit by car-oling at Maple Manor and other nursing homes. In January, a donation was sent to the Riley fund, which is their state charity project. The Sunshiners finished up their action-packed year by honoring their parents with a Daddy Date night in March and a Mother-Daughter banquet in May.



Tracy Otterbacher distributes initiation pins to Connie Zimmerman as

Penny Moritz and Sue Hardt stand behind.



Sponsor, Mrs. Grace Bovard, has been with the Sunshine Society for 31 years. Through her dedication the club has truly benefitted.



Penny Moritz and Sue Hardt take part in the Candlelight Ceremonies.

Front row: Sue Hardt, Lisa Wood. Middle row: Mrs. Bovard, Sponsor, Linda Zorich, Donna Rodich, Laura Eich, President. Top row: Penny Moritz, Nancy Holderman, Teresa Badar, Tracy Otterbacher. Not shown: Nancy Fargo, Cindy Mayer, Connie Zimmerman.

## Cheerleaders show



Varsity football cheerleaders, bottom row: Donna Engel, Tina Wiggins. Second row: Nancy Burkhart, Gloria Summers. Third row: Kim Vickroy, Tammie Yaselsky. Standing: Sharon Bianchi, Sharon Metros.



Cheerleading sponsor: Mrs. Yeoman.



Varsity basketball cheerleaders: Michelle Glatt, Kim Vickroy, Sharon Metros, Sharon Bianchi, Bambi Nowakowski, Gloria Summers, Tammie Yaselsky, Nancy Burkhart.





# their Spirit



Junior Varsity football cheerleaders, bottom row: Tracy Hinkel, Jan Gough, Dawn O'Deen. Top row: Michelle Bonich, Lynn Shearin, Lori Saliwonczyk.



Junior Varsity basketball cheerleaders, bottom row: Michelle Bonich. Second row: Tracy Hinkel, Dawn O'Deen. Top row: Michelle Kostelnik, Lori Saliwonczyk, Kathy Hevezi.



# MHS Spirit Lives On



Bottom row: Kathy Gruber, Lisa Wood, Lynn Maloney, Darlene Sekerez, Sandy Roytan. Second row: Chrissy Springman, Jennifer Bartolomei, Mary Dudak, Andrea Shingle, Michelle Faire, Tina Bogordos. Third row: Cindy Cone, Cathy Mestousis, Kathy Szmagaj, Patty Spirovich, Beth Ekaitis, Lisa Barkasi, Karen Chandler. Top row: Linda Crosnoe, Nancy Grabek, Marian Petley, Sandy Swanson, Kathy McLaughlin, Sherri Glatt, Kelly Hurlburt, Debbie McCloud.



## Flag Corps

Bottom row: Barb Kacmar, Felice Arrendondo, Meg Johnson, Beth Cambel, Sherry Suzich, Debbie Kacmar. Top row: Liz Oliver, Carole Seller, Saylor Metten, Carol Suzich, Nancy Fargo, Laura Wozniak, Mary Gawrysiak.



#### Pep Band

Bottom row: Cindy Mayor, Lori Kellenberger, Patty Reimer, Sandi Leone, John Dimos, Corky Christoff, Doug Robinson. Second row: Monica Kraft, Vicki Leonard, Jill Fryer, Diane Hays, Nancy Fargo, Saylor Metten, Dawn VanMeter. Third row: John Davies, Allen Sierkowski, Rich Cristea, Dave Robinson, Joe Spott, Darin Bolvin, Rick Foor. Fourth row: Sue Balluch, Nancy Novotny, Jeff Davis, Dave Rodgers, Rick Aeschli-man, Ken Calaway, Dave Oliver. Top row: Steve Cierniak, Mike Jasiak, Mark Bublit, Tony Gawrysiak.

#### SENIORS

Sherri Glatt  
Kathy McLaughlin  
Beth Ekaitis  
Cathy Mestousis  
Lisa Barkasi  
Andrea Shingle  
Michelle Faire  
Lynn Maloney  
Kathy Gruber  
Darlene Sekerez



## New sponsor leads Science Club

The activities for the Science Club of 1979-1980 actually started at the end of last year while at their banquet at "Sherlock Holmes" Restaurant in Griffith. The banquet was a going away party for the sponsor, Miss Pavel, who left on her sabbatical. Mr. Green acted as sponsor this year, but Miss Pavel is expected to return to the job next year.



Front row: Maryann Lindgren, Betsy Schrader, Sheila Dwyer, Nancy Barnes, Leeann Schaver. Back row: Ray Diana, Cary Velasquez, Jeff Davis, Mr. Green.



Sheila Dwyer, Dianne Gallagher, and Curt Brown study rock cultures at the Dunes.



Jeff Davis listens intently a another science club field trip is being planned.

# Moments of hard work and determination pay off



Front row: Fabian Martinez, Art Sofoske, Theo Manglis, Nick Liapes, Tod Speer, Paul Basile, Rob Stanborough, Chris Kouskoutis. Back row: Assistant Coach Mike Stojic, Bob Cacouski, Zoran Muveski, Tony Plavs, Ray Cucusz, Milorad Pokrajac, Robbie Goad, Phil Galoozis, Jim Stromski, Tom Solounis, Kevin Adler, Andy Speer, Coach, Mr. Furuness, Chris Dimos.

The soccer team participated in a newly formed soccer league this year. Hard work and determination prevailed and the team played with much enthusiasm. Soccer is considered the hardest of all sports to play because of the constant movement and stamina. This year the soccer team is part of the clubs section at Merrillville High School, but they hope to be in the sports section next year.



Captain Tod Speer practices on the field.



Tod Speer battles with an opponent to gain possession of the ball.



## French club membership increases

This year the French Club was involved in many activities. They participated in homecoming activities, sold M & M's to raise money for the club, and went to a French concert. About thirty-five of the fifty-five members attended the concert held at the Arie Crown Theater in Chicago. It was performed by a four member group who played many French folk

songs. The audience was also encouraged to "sing-along." In November, they had an initiation party for the new members. Other activities included a trip to the Magic Pan, a French restaurant, going to Great America, roller skating, bowling, having a fondue party, and ending the year with a banquet at a French restaurant where next year's officers were installed.



The French Club Officers are: Secretary Felicia Dixon, Historian Lisa Feneck, Treasurer Maria Kyres, President Biliانا Manivilovski and Vice-President Mary Kino.



French Club: Bottom row—Penny Moritz, Sue Hardt, Georgeanna Orlich, Doreen Donley, Debbie Roszkowski, Penny Parsons, Melinda Nowak, Melissa Dydzacki. Second row—Mrs. Callender, Lora Eyrich, Zorine Simic, Maria Kyres, Barb McConnell, Nancy Molden, Zorine Kirby, Laura Rusbasen, Sandy Trajkowski, Michelle Kostelnik. Third row—Dee Ann Smolnicki, Cathy Tkach, Kathy Bresich, Carrie Grose, John Dimos, Janis Wilson, Diane Sovljanski, Maryann Lindgren, Leslie Houchin, Helen Angelov, Linda Crossnoe. Fourth row—Jasmina Vranikowski, Jackie Titak, Patty Rutkin, Lisa Feneck, Stephanie Ciesielski, Cindy Sowles, Linda Brizendine, Elizabeth Christoff, Felicia Dixon, Biliانا Manivilovski, Linda Trajkowski. Top row—Stana Kovac, Lisa Routsolias, Mae Sarantis, Saylor Metten, Dave Pushka, Tom Higgins, Dan Vidimos, Paul Smith, Mary Kino, Jennifer Spiru, Ellen Vossos.



## Spanish Club offers cultural advantages



Officers: Secretary Edna Machnik, President Mark Catchur, Treasurer Linda Lepley. Not pictured, Vice-president Eden Capuli.



Honorary Officers: Paul Olesh, Eden Capuli, Joe Orlich. Not pictured, Mark Catchur.

The Spanish Club at Merrillville High School is offered to those who wish to further their education in the Spanish culture. This year's Spanish Club was involved in several activities. Every year, the club raises money by selling candy. This money is used for the club's many activities they plan throughout the year. The club visited Trade Winds at Christmas time, also. They had an eat-in of delicious Spanish and Mexican foods.



Front row: Lori Darnell, Cary Vasquez, Lisa Haniski, Denise Regesi, Kim LaFever, Barb Helwig, Delores Hernandez, Paula Braun. Second row: Marjie Milokovich, Nancy Webster, Sherri Minton, Pam Wade, Dianne Ianessi, Andrea Hudock, Diane Davis, Teresa Badar. Third row: Sandy Jonasus, Mike Malenock, Diane Sawa, Paul Olesh, Debby Thomas, Sue Barton, Edna Machnik, Linda Lepley, Noreen Kloc, Desa Tisma. Top row: Gregg Catchur, Joe Orlich, Eden Capuli, Mark Catchur, Denny Bennett, Earl Capuli, Kris Kottis, Liz Paunovich, Marija Mace, Denise Dixon, Kim Giltz.

## German Club explores new worlds

The German Club this year was involved in many activities. As usual, they sold M&M's to raise money for the honors program. They also held annual Halloween and Christmas parties, and ended the year by having a banquet at a German restaurant.



Officers: Dave Robinson, Mark Lipton, Vickie Evans, Doug Robinson.



Front row: Betsy Shrader, Sheila Dwyer, Kathy Hevezi, Vickie Evans, Kim Moroz, Rosalie Thalmann. Second row: Dave Robinson, Mark Bubltz, Doug Robinson, Mark Lipton, John Davies, Carl Watrakewicz. Back row: Janet Hartwig, Monica Sudbrack, Joni Wilkerson, Andy Kefner, Chris Tavares, Mr. Ray Hamilton.

## Honorary organization for journalists



Patricia Homeier types up a type sheet for the yearbook.

Quill and Scroll is an honorary society for high school journalists who are in the top third of their class.

They are either on the newspaper or yearbook staff and have been involved in journalism for at least one year.

Mr. Bruce Woods, the sponsor of the organization, chooses members for outstanding ability in the journalism field.

Members of the yearbook staff, first row: Paula Tully, Kathy Christopher, Mary Ann Lindgren, second row: Steve Gratto, Darlene Sekerez, Melissa Burelli, Debbie Schoon, Patricia Homeier.



Members of the newspaper staff, first row: Carla Waters, Stephanie Ciesielski, Bambi Nowakowski, second row: Frank Katris, Denny Bennett.



# BEAUTIFUL SOUNDS RANG OUT FROM MHS



PIANO: L. Eich. ROW 1: L. Gonchola, C. Gross, J. Joyce, A. Dunkelberger, J. Toby, L. Bryant, L. Webb, S. Schoon, J. Koen, V. Evans. ROW 2: S. Jones, T. Quinn, M. Hamang, S. Metros, S. Bianchi, K. Chandler, D. Bedella, K. Barclay, L. Lewandowski, J. Gifford, M. Handley. ROW 3: L. Jansen, L. Kollenberger, M. Fabrici, A. Englebright, T. Artz, E. Machnik, M. Bianco, D. Gruber, J. Hendrickson, D. Brooks, J.R. Peddicord. ROW 4: C. Waters, D. Westcott, Y. Garza, T. Hallam, J. Ban, K. Oliver, G. Johnson, T. Diffenbach, J. Irons, J. Schmidt, G. De St. Jean.



VOCALTEENS: ROW 1: Kevin Barclay, Vickie Evans, Lisa Jansen, Bryan Reinhart, Joy Koen. ROW 2: Dave Bedella, Kathy Gruber, Ric Shuster, Michaelene Hamang. ROW 3: Mont Handley, Karen Chandler, Jeff Schmidt, Lori Kollenberger. ROW 4: Mike Malenock, Nancy Holderman. ROW 5: Tim Diffenbach, Margie Fabrici, John Brady, Tracy Otterbacher.

# CHORUS, VOCALTEENS, AND VELVETEENS



ROW 1: K. Gruber, D. Loda, D. Duck, T. Vranich, C. Cooper, M. Murphy, T. Montoro, B. Maddack, B. Helwig. ROW 2: G. Harper, B. Barnes, D. Anderson, D. Evans, J. Vondorkovich, K. Darnell, M. Candiano, D. Smith, M. Johnson. ROW 3: M. Malenock, J. Brady, J. Lipski, J. DeVault, J. Wallin, B. Wilks, G. Hawkins, L. Eyrich, L. Pisani. ROW 4: R. Shuster, D. Richards, T. Chadd, B. Reinhart, Z. Simic, D. Kottaris, N. Holderman, T. Otterbacher, K. Peterson.



VELVETEENS: Standing—Sharon Bianchi, Tanya Hallam, Yvonne Garza, Amy Englebright, Kaye Oliver, Tina Quinn. Middle—Lori Conchola, Carla Waters, Edna Machnik, Dawn Loda, Carrie Gross. Kneeling—Jennie Toby, Zorine Simic, Linda Pisani.



## “Music hath charms to sooth”—William Congreve



STAGE BAND: Julie Ban, Mike Jasiak, Alan Sierkowski, Monica Kraft, Vicki Leonard, Rich Cristea, Rick Foor, Darren Bolwin, Alex Christoff, John Dimos



Vickie Evans and Ric Schuster take a breather during a Vocalteen rehearsal.



Girls Glee: D. Manolovich, L. Schneider, S. Wirtes, D. Corwik, J. Krecik, K. Book, C. Arts, D. Neal, P. Ratkin, C. Valdez, G. Bateman. Row 2: C. Darnell, B. Vertrees, P. Crowder, S. Grant, G. Harriman, A. Pena, D. Moore, S. Deer, K. Roth, H. Panas, D. Rolff. Row 3: P. Abel, L. Richards, S. Markle, J. Iwan, K. Capusan, D. Roszkowski, J. Deyot, L. Rushbusan, D. Boyer, M. Chetnik, L. Jewel. Row 4: Ja. Wilkerson, S. Simic, D. Donley, J. Hartwig, T. Irons, K. Lazarian, M. Babilla, P. Wielogorski, W. Warminski, K. Krampien, Jo. Wilkerson.

# SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCES WELL ATTENDED



THESPIAN OFFICERS: Sandy Simic, Alan Sierkowski, Maryann Lindgren, Ann Dunkelberger, Vickie Evans, Dave Bedella.

The 1979-1980 school year promised to be a busy one for the Thespians. The Thespians participated in the sophomore and junior-senior class plays. In January, the Thespians took a field trip to the Candlelight Playhouse to see "South Pacific" and in March they went to see "They're Playing Our Song". The revival of the "Our Gang" troupe was a big plus to "Revue 80" which was performed in February. This year's officers consisted of Dave Bedella, Joy Koen, Vickie Evans, Ann Dunkelberger, and Kathy Gruber. The year closed with a banquet held at San Remo's restaurant in Highland.



Thespians—Bottom Row: Dave Gruber, Kaye Oliver, Sandy Simic, Michaelene Hamang, Linda Pisani, Larry Lewandowski. Row 2: Ric Schuster, John Brady, Dave Bedella, Vicki Evans, Lynnie Gabrici, Jeff Schmidt. Row 3: Bryan Reinhart, Paul Smith, Pete Nommenson, Doug Robinson, Alan Sierkowski, Janis Wilson, Lori Kellenberger, Carrie Grose, Mike Malenock, Edna Machnik, sponsor Mr. Morrow. Top Row: Ann Dunkelberger, Lisa Jansen, Maryann Lindgren, Diane Sovljanski, Kim Dunkelberger, Amy Engelbright, Greg Linneman, Toni Artz, Beth Maddack, Joni Wilkerson.

## Band lives for musical moments

The MHS symphonic band had a very active year. In her first year with the high school band, Miss Sue Hamer directed several concerts and led the group to a NISBOVA 1st place division. The entire band traveled to Portage and several individuals went to South Bend for their own judging. Two band members received nominations for Who's Who in High School Bands—Drummer Corky Christoff and Flute player Ray

Diana.

Every three years the band takes a weekend trip so that each member is able to travel once during his high school career. Three years ago they spent a few days at Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio. This year, they went to Kings Island. The officers leading the group are President, Corky Christoff; Vice-President, Jim Utke; Secretary, Nancy Novotny; and Treasurer, Dave Robinson.



Tubas & String Bass—M. Bubltz, T. Gawrysiak, G. Manis, M. Jasiak, E. Zitz. (not pictured—S. Lafoone)



Drums—R. Wilburn, C. Christoff, R. Pluth, L. Adams, J. Dimos.



Drums—J. Ramone, J. Pearman, K. Dunkelberger, K. Harmon, J. Burris, Doug Robinson.



Flutes—Bottom row, S. Leone, P. Reimer, K. Foor, R. Tamayo, C. Kotlis, F. Arrendondo. Top row, Karen Moroz, R. Thalman, B. Kacmar, Jeannine Kacmar.



Flutes—Bottom row, R. Diana, C. Nipper, L. Kellenberger, L. Oliver, M. Johnson, C. Sellar. Top row, C. Hostetter, C. Mayor, M. Gawrysiak, S. Suzich, L. Houchin, C. Pall.



Clarinets—Bottom row, P. McNary, J. Bowman, S. Metten, K. Sabo, N. Fargo, L. Wood. Top row, C. Suzich, D. Van Meter, Kim Moroz, D. Hayes, M. Larson, J. Fryer.



Clarinets—Bottom row, L. Johnson, B. Milteer, S. Flynn, M. Arrendondo, B. Barkasi, T. Palla. Top row, Joan Kacmar, D. Kacmar, E. Mayer, A. Christoff, L. Kubiak, D. Spott.



**Trumpets**—Bottom row: R. Cristea, Dave Robinson, A. Sierkowski, K. Sullivan, V. Leonard, M. Kraft. Top row: T. Cornoroto, F. Acosta, D. Zaberdac, D. Barnes.



**Bassoon, Oboes & Saxes**—Bottom row: B. Cambell, L. Wozniak, B. Lachowicz. Top row: J. Davies, A. Jackson, K. Wiening, N. Novotny.



Seasons Greetings 1980



**French Horns**—G. Kezy, S. Cierniak, J. Spott, R. Adams, J. Surdzial, J. Utke.



**Baritones & Trombones**—Bottom row: J. Davis, M. Marmolejo, R. Aeschli-man, D. Rodgers, S. Prince, D. Bedella. Top row: D. Oliver, R. Foor, G. Tully, D. Bolvin, K. Calaway, M. Schreiner.



As the marching band rehearses, Baritone player Mike Marmolejo stops to listen.



# Preserving the moments we lived for

Preserving an entire school year is anything but an easy job, as the 1980 yearbook staff soon discovered. Since the majority of the staff had little experience at assembling yearbooks, lessons on copy-writing, picture-cropping, and layout-planning had to be given by the more experienced members.

The next struggle was acquiring just the right pictures for each page. The staff kept photographers busy with assignments to photograph sports events, group pictures, and special happenings.

In order to cover all the spring moments, the book was delivered in late summer. This way graduates could leave for college with their yearbook along to keep alive the memories of high school.



The staff takes a ride. Bottom row: Donna Engel, Carmen Luna, Tina Wiggins, Lisa Barkasi, Jill Moore, Mike Djurich, Debbie Schoon, Melissa Burelli, Maryann Lindgren. Leaning out the windows are: Steve Gratto, Patricia Homeier, Mark Salapski, Diane Harvoth, Mary Gallatis, Mitch Davis, Wally Hanas, Lynnie Gabrici, Lori Jaroscak, Diane Ianessi, Michelle Baran, Darlene Sekerez, Tammy Nelson, and Paula Tully.



Paula Tully and Tammy Nelson wait for Mr. Woods to identify an underclass picture.



Co-Editor Maryann Lindgren adjusts her typesheet containing feature page copy.

Steve Gratto and Mitch Davis puzzle over instructions, pertaining to the sports section from Mr. Woods.



Co-Editor Melissa Burelli (center) assists Paula Tully and Darlene Sekerez in choosing type size for headlines.



Lisa Barkasi and Dona Bucko discuss their difficulty in meeting deadlines as Tina Wiggins plans her strategy for the Senior section.



# Mirror reflects student life at MHS

Under the direction of Mr. Woods and the leadership of Denny Bennett and Carla Waters, the MIRROR staff bi-monthly produced a quality newspaper. The SENIOR EDITION was the final project for the staff.

For the first time since 1975, the MIRROR stayed in circulation for a

complete school year. Along with the "new" MIRROR came a variety of new layout equipment.

Some of the features which students enjoyed reading in the MIRROR were: Trivia Quiz, Fandazee Island, and the controversial editorials.



MIRROR STAFF: George Primich, Scott Daravanis, Tony Gawrysiak, Bill Souronis, Frank Katris. ROW 2: Joanie Wilkerson, Rose Craig, Paul Krausnick, Stephanie Ciesielski. ROW 1: Bambi Nowakowski, Carla Waters, Denny Bennett.



Frank Katris, Paul Krausnick and Stephanie Ciesielski look over the layout for an upcoming MIRROR edition.



Co-editors Carla Waters and Denny Bennett confer.



Choosing the right picture for a story can be difficult.



Mr. Woods handles the business end of the MIRROR.

## SPORTS

"Consider for a moment  
what we achieve from  
athletics; the sheer  
fun of playing, the  
building of a healthy  
and alert mind, stamina,  
courage, unselfishness  
and most important  
perhaps, the will to  
win."

Robert Kennedy

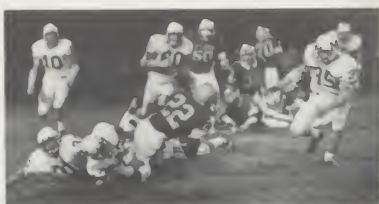






Senior Jeff Jones, who set a single game record for pass receptions,

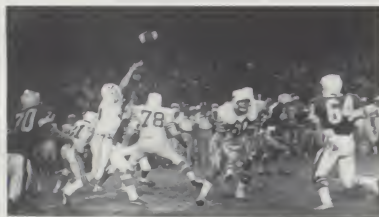
leaps high in the air to grab a pass for a first down.



Above: The opposing team gets a taste of the Pirate defensive line.

Led by Doug Jatczak and Mike Krisko, the Pirates prepare to give their all.

## Moments of triumph and



Quarterback Greg Kouvelas gets his pass off with the help of teammates

Mike Yesh and Greg Brown.



It takes a lot of physical conditioning to be in shape for football, as Mike

Yesh and Andy Manis demonstrate.

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

MHS	OPP
0 Hobart	7
21 Lew Wallace	0
7 Crown Point	0
0 Chesterton	7
0 Portage	7
23 Andean	6
7 M.C. Rogers	6
3 Valparaiso	0
7 S.B. St. Joe	28
20 LaPorte	8



Senior tri-captain George Bravos finds himself surrounded by Andrean defenders as he searches for some daylight on the field.

A winning football team has become a tradition at Merrillville High School. This season was no different, as the gridders battled their way to a 6-4 season.

Tough defensive matches dominated the 1979 season. It began with a 7-0 loss to Hobart, who would go on to become runner-ups to the State title. The Pirates then handed shutouts to Lew Wallace and Crown Point before bowing to Chesterton and Portage by identical 7-0 scores.

The "Battle of 'Broadway'" turned out to be no contest at all, as the gridders dumped Andrean, 23-6. A tight contest against conference rival M.C. Rogers ended in a 7-6 Merrillville victory. This was followed by a 3-0 win over Valparaiso.

The 28-7 Homecoming loss to S.B. St. Joseph marked the

first and only time the opponent scored in double figures. The season ended on a positive note with a 20-8 victory over LaPorte.

Although the squad was out of playoff contention early in the season, they never stopped trying or lost their ambition. Such offensive standouts as George Bravos, who led the team with 425 yards rushing, John O'Connor, who caught 19 passes for 284 yards, and Larry Judge, 10 for 12 in extra points, added stability to a rather conservative offense.

Defensive men Joe Orlich, who led in both tackling points and solo tackles with 21, and Mark Catchur, responsible for 4 quarterback sacks and numerous other defensive plays, are two seniors that will be sorely missed by next year's squad.

## defeat for Pirate gridders



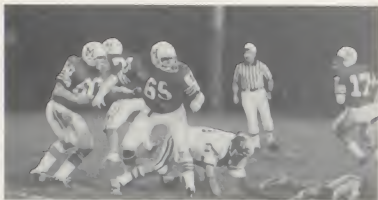
Above: Head Coach Ken Haupt and Scott Richter intently watch a play. George Bravos and Joe Orlich greet the opposing team captains.



Junior Scott Bruce shows why he was named Post-Tribune Defensive

Player of the Week with this quarterback sack.



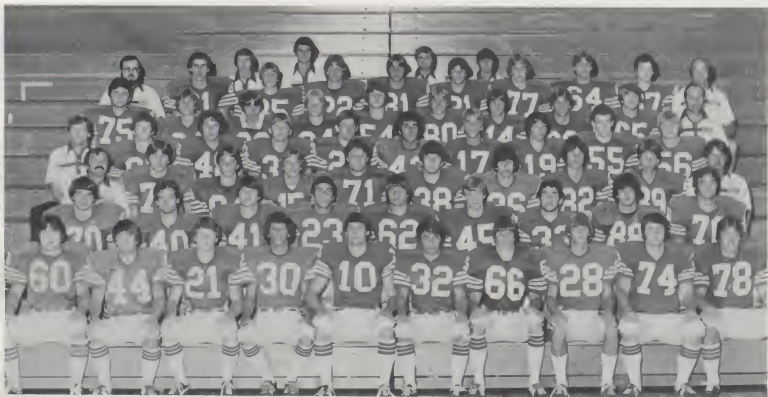


Top: Offensive linemen Mike Yesh and Tim Wolf protect Greg Kouvelas against the Crown Point Bulldogs.

Tri-captains for the 1979 Varsity squad are Chris Roark, George Bravos, and Joe Orlich.



Sophomore Larry Judge shows the reliable part of the Pirate squad. The kicking form that made him such a



Front Row: Mike Yesh, Mark Catchur, George Bravos, Randy Gonzales, Mike Kerulis, Bob Dunklau, Rick Wilburn, Jeff Jones, Jayce Scheidt, Greg Brown. 2nd Row: Chris Rans, Gene Kezy, Scott Richter, Joe Orlich, Jeff Jatczak, Scott Parker, Kerry Gaboyan, Ken Calaway, Chris Roark. 3rd Row: Coach Tom Cameron, Mark Flacable, Ed Dixon, Mike Anderson, Paul Karras, Bob Ward, Eric Rey, Larry Judge, Greg Mackey, Coach Bill Tharp. 4th Row: Coach Jerry Bratcher, Tim Vislosky, Jeff Hacker, Andy Manis, Bruce Jones, Jon Truchan, Greg Kouvelas, Bob Orosz, Joe Pawlak, Gordon Sunny. 5th Row: Denny Bennett, Dave Richards, Mike McGhan, Alan Hickam, Jeff Moore, Tim Patz, Jamie Mack, Larry Adams, Tim Wolf, Head Coach Ken Haupt. 6th Row: Coach Dave Teeter, Mike Krisko, Greg Wilburn, John O'Connor, Scott Bruce, Phil Maicher, Jeff Jamroz, Doug Jatczak, Don Snemis, Trainer Lou Grant. Back Row: Managers Tom Allen, Ken Haupt, Bobby Smith, Tim Haupt.

## Football Special Awards

Best Offensive Lineman—  
Mike Yesh  
Best Offensive Back—George  
Bravos  
Best Defensive Back—Joe  
Orlich  
Best Defensive Linemen—  
Mike Kerulis and Mark  
Catchur  
Most Valuable Player—  
George Bravos  
Mr. ZIP—George Bravos  
Pirate Award—Jayce Scheidt  
UPI All-State—Jeff Jones  
Post Tribune All-Area—Joe  
Orlich

Top right: The Pirate defensive team awaits the opponents' next play in a tight game against Crown Point.

Right: Junior Phil Maicher, under heavy heat from an Andrean line-backer, struggles to gain a few extra yards.



## J-Vers strive to .500 season



Front Row: Chris Govert, Mike Evanyo, Joe Luckewicz, Scott Hipp, Nick Lalios, Bob Satnan, Steve Hipp, Chris Dimos, Mike Walker, Paul French. 2nd Row: Brian Stevens, Mike Tisma, Bentley Craig, Scott Plesha, Dave Knop, John Christos, Larry Oliver, David Nims, Brian Harding. 3rd Row: Keith Wiening, Greg Kerulis, Dale Miller, Phil LaFoone, Tom Meschede, Mark Olesh, Mark Dujmovich, George Doolin, Ken Petroff. Back Row: Frank Wilk, Manager Marty Dawson, Manager Mike Bianco, Jim Kuzemka, Kelle Hickam, Tim Bronowski, Jerry Pearman, Peter Martinez, Jim Hendrickson.

The 1979 Junior Varsity football team, under the direction of Coaches Dave Tee-ter and Jerry Bratcher, managed a .500 season, posting four wins as opposed to four losses.

Highlights of the season included shutouts of rivals Hobart and Andrean, as well as a 24-0 shacking of conference foe M.C. Rogers. In an offensive explosion against Chesterton, the Pirates emerged victorious by a two touch-down margin.

The 1980 varsity squad will be sure to benefit from the experience the J-Vers gained.

### JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

MHS	OPP
0	LaPorte 8
7	Hobart 0
0	Crown Point 14
28	Chesterton 14
0	Portage 21
21	Andrean 0
24	M.C. Rogers 0
0	Valparaiso 28

# Stamina leads harriers to outstanding year

The cross country team, in an unexpected but encouraging turn-around from last year's season, made their mark in Merrillville history with a 13-4 record, the finest ever.

Although mainstays Jeff Sanok and Steve Sicula were injured for most of the season, the team recorded many strong and commanding victories. Juniors Mark Amaya, Dave Rainford, and Tony Salcedo helped pick up the slack. Bill Gallo, also a junior, proved to be the most consistent runner for the Pirates.

A highlight of the regular season was the Pirates' victory in the Twin Lakes Invitational. This first-place finish came in a field of 14 teams. In the junior varsity competition, the runners chalked up a second place finish.

With the closing of the regular came sectionals and the fight for a regional berth.

For the first time since 1971, the harriers achieved this goal. With Bill Gallo leading the way, the Pirates placed fourth in the sectional meet. A jubilant team continued to the regionals. There they were shaded by a fifth place finish, but share high hopes for the upcoming season.

Bill Gallo received the most valuable player award, while Steve Sicula earned the mental attitude honors and Tony Salcedo was named most improved.



Co-captain Steve Sicula begins to limber up while concentrating on the upcoming race.



Having captured first place, Jeff Sanok expresses his relief while Coach

Moody and Dave Rogers record his time.



Dave Rainford struggles to maintain his lead.

MHS	OPP
18 Wirt	45
16 Gary Roosevelt	46
26 Hobart	30
25 LaPorte	32
18 Lew Wallace	44
16 Andean	43
57 Portage	15
31 M.C. Rogers	86
Chesterton	29
Valparaiso	27
59 Crown Point	15
Andean	68
Highland	120
35 Griffith	36
Cavit	52
Lowell	120
Rensselaer Invitational	
Sophomores	5th
Juniors	4th
Seniors	3rd
Highland Invitational-5th	
Twin Lakes Invitational-	
Varsity 1st, JV 2nd	
Hobart Invitational-8th	
Duneland Meet-4th	
Sectionals-4th	
Regionals-5th	



Front row: Tony McCrovitz, Paul Metten, Dan Evans. 2nd row: Dave Rainford, Dan Haviza, Bob Daniel, Dave Rogers. Back row: Tony Salcedo, Bill Gallo, Coach Jim Moody, Mark Amaya, Jeff Sanok.

# Girls crack cross country scene



Front row: Julie Bowman, Diane Sawa, Janet Hartwig, Vickie Evans. Back row: Christy Chartier, Cheryl Tomb, Coach Carol Yates, Becky Vertrees. Not pictured: Renee Hopper.



Captain Diane Sawa strains to finish the race.



First year coach Carol Yates points out the winning runner to statistician

Lisa Feneck.

This year Merrillville High welcomed the addition of a new field sport, girls cross country. Under the direction of Coach Carol Yates, the harriers struggled to a 4-9 record.

The team got its start when a few girls showed an interest in running, and began working out with the boys team last year. Because the team was one of the few in the area, the girls had to travel as far as Homewood, Ill. to find an opponent.

Even though the squad had a sub par season, Coach Yates was very proud and enthusiastic about the team's hustle and determination. She is also quick to point out that next year's team should improve greatly due to the experience gained this year. Led by outstanding junior Julie Bowman, who set a school record of 12:09 for a 2 mile course, Coach Yates welcomes back six members off this year's squad of eight. Needless to say, next year's team should be exciting in all respects.

Special awards were given to Senior Diane Sawa and Julie Bowman. Sawa was appointed captain of the team for her leadership, citizenship, and ability, and received the mental attitude award. Bowman, as expected, received MVP honors.

OPP	MHS
Homewood-Flossmoor	L
Rich Central	L
Munster	L
Crown Point	L
Lake Central	L
Highland	L
Calumet	W
Lake Central	L
Bishop Noll	L
North Newton	W
Chesterton	W
Rich East	L
Calumet	W
Lake Central	L



Julie Bowman, who set a school record of 12:09 for the 2 mile course,

paces out her opponent as they enter the chute.



Teammates Diane Sawa and Vickie Evans pace each other in a triangular meet.





Junior Mary Lynn Tombers intently practices her swing.

Kathy Jannasch wears a look of concern as she perfects a shot.



Senior Tammy Nelson follows through on a crucial tee-off shot against conference opponent Valpo.

#### GIRLS' VARSITY GOLF

MHS	OPP
204 Munster	220
207 Lowell	276
207 MC Elston	196
190 Portage	231
212 La Porte	176
205 Chesterton	236
194 MC Rogers	188
201 MC Marquette	207
196 Knox	214
204 Hobart	266
190 Andean	209
196 Valparaiso	209

Sectionals—3rd

Regionals—5th



Front row: Coaches Ed and Lillian Wiles, Wendy Sum, Mary Lynn Tombers, Kirsten Pederson, Tammy Nelson, Karen Krampien, Kathy Jannasch, Jim McDonald. Back row: Lisa Wood, Carrie Grose, Kim Cooley, Sue Patterson, Kathy Puntillo. Not shown: Kathleen Tournai, Jennifer Wallin.



# Golfers celebrate best season ever



Sectional team members are: Kathy Puntillo, Tammy Nelson, Mary Lynn Tombers, Kathy Jannasch, Jennifer Wallin, Sue Patterson.



Senior Jennifer Wallin is caught mid-swing in a key drive.



All-Conference winner Kathy Jannasch works on improving her putting stance while Tammy Nelson and

Kathy Puntillo take turns sinking putts.



The girl's golf team finished their season with a sparkling 9-3 record, the best in Merrillville High School history.

'The girls' success is a total team effort,' declared Coach Ed Wiles. Coach Wiles stresses a positive attitude and inspires the team with his constant enthusiasm.

The talents of seniors Kathy Jannasch, Tammy Nelson, and Kathy Puntillo helped the girls place consistently well the entire year. They closed the regular season with a winning streak of five matches, handing defeats to M.C. Marquette, Knox, Hobart, Andean, and Valpo. In conference battles, the team also fared well, as shown by their 4-2 record.

The squad then went on to sectional competition, where a third place finish allowed team members to progress to the regionals. There, a fifth place finish stopped them from continuing in the tournament.

Honors received by individual members were: Kathy Jannasch, medalist; Kathy Puntillo, best mental attitude; Kim Coolie, most improved; and Mary Lynn Tombers, a special award for scoring a hole-in-one.

Two new additions to the team walk Jennifer Wallin and Sue Patterson to the first hole as they give the girls a quick pep talk.

# When a moment's hesitation can make all

"Swimmers take your mark. Get set. Go!" Does this sound familiar to you? Most people only see the race. Few people realize what a dedicated group of people the girls' swim team is. The team gets up in the morning for a workout before most of us even wake up. After school, it's back into the pool again.

All this grueling practice paid off. Loree Lewan has qualified for the state meet every year since she was a freshman and holds the school record for the 50 yard freestyle. Linda Lesniak was also an individual state qualifier and Rene Charbonneau has been on a state relay team for two years.

This year's team, led by co-captains Felice Arrendondo and Rose Shooter, finished with a season record of 8-4. They were third in sectional and third in sectionals.

Special awards were presented to: Rose Shooter, mental attitude and most improved; Loree Lewan, MVP; and Barb Brislen, mental attitude. Sophomore Mary Dyman was named Super Swimmer.



Senior Loree Lewan demonstrates her stamina while completing the breast stroke leg of the medley relay.



Above: Junior Rene Charbonneau shows her form while competing in the butterfly, the event she does best.

Below: Lisa Rusak approaches the starting block while co-captain Felice Arrendondo looks on.



GIRLS SWIMMING		
MHS		OPP
100	LaPorte	72
Purple Wave Relays—5th		
88	Valparaiso	89
121	Hobart	50
111	MC Rogers	60
84	Highland	88
86	Crown Point	85
84	Munster	88
92	Portage	80
Conference—3rd		
80	Chesterton	92
105	Lowell	68

Right: Before finishing the race, Rose Shooter gasps one last breath of air.



# the difference—girl swimmers come through



Front row: Tammy Jelenek, Lisa Carnegie, Denise Regeski, Patty Metten, Tammy Gemeinhart, Barb Helwig, Lisa Rusak, Felice Arrendondo, Rose Shooter. Second row: Monica Arrendondo, Cathy Cooper, Karen Lesniak, Barb Brislen, Kris Merrifield, Dianne Lorenzo, Lisa Mosteller, Debbie McCloud, Lisa Lewan, Patty Merrich. Back row: Debbie Chidester, Meg Johnson, Linda Lewandowski, Stephanie Cieselski, Chris Sebben, Loree Lewan, Renee Charbonneau, Linda Lesniak, Mary Dyman, Kelly McLaughlin, Coach Doug Stebbins.



Linda Lewandowski adjusts the lane markers before the diving event.



Above Left: Freshman Karen Lesniak pounds through the water during her leg of the free style relay.

Above Center: With just one more lap to go, Debbie McCloud passes her opponent.

Above: While freestyle is Loree Lewan's specialty, she proves her ability in backstroke during the I-M.

Left: Lisa Rusak plunges into her next stroke with extra effort.



# Future looks bright for Netters

A grim look of determination ... the upward flight of a tennis ball ... the stretch to meet it ... and the thrust of a powerful serve. The will to win is as important as the skill that backs it.

The boys' tennis team had the will to win this year. Under the leadership of Coach Dave Banas, they began their season on a high note with a victory over M.C. Rogers. But the competition of tough Duneland Conference foes slowed the Netters down. Defeats at the hands of LaPorte, Valparaiso, and Hobart, all rated in the State's top twenty, accounted for six of the losses. In sectional play, the Netters soundly defeated Lake Central before falling to Highland in the semi-final round.

The squad's 7-9 overall record failed to reflect the Netter's effort and drive. At the close of the season, several team members were honored for their fine play. They were: Steve Nealon, most improved; Tod Speer, best mental attitude; and Andy Speer, most valuable player.

With the return of juniors Andy Speer, Steve Nealon, and Neil McNally, the future looks promising for the team.



Junior and top singles player Andy Speer is airborne in his attempt to return a lob.

Junior Steve Nealon waits anxiously for the start of his match.



Senior Tod Speer shows the fierce concentration that has made him

such an asset to the team.



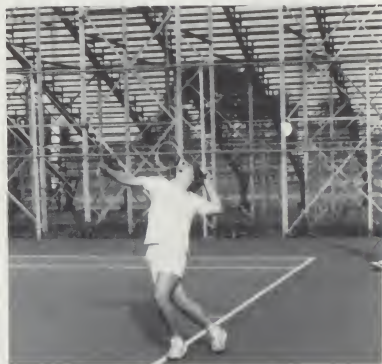
Senior Greg Petroff takes a moment to rest as he plans his strategy.

Senior Larry Stazinski fires a forehand shot against his Valpo opponent.





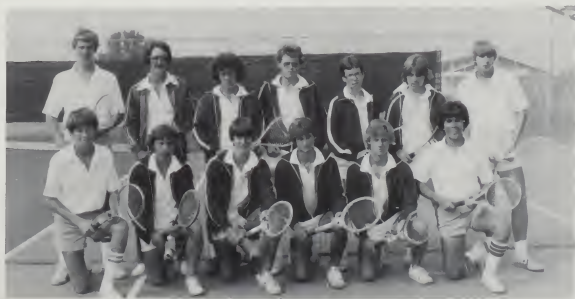
Coach Dave Banas takes time out to pose for the camera.



Leaping high into the air, Senior Steve Gratto slams a serve to ensure his victory.

Junior Neil McAnally, who played in both singles and doubles, stretches

high to crack one of his wicked serves.



Front row: John Satka, Larry Stazinski (#2 doubles), Steve Gratto (#2 singles), Andy Speer (#1 singles), Tod Speer (#1 doubles), Joby Arrendondo. Back row: John Tilmon, Coach Banas, Greg Petroff (#2 doubles), Steve Nealon (#3 singles), Guy Tully, Neil McAnally (#1 doubles and #3 singles), Ed Kallas.

#### BOYS' VARSITY TENNIS

MHS	Opp.
W	M.C. Rogers
L	Hobart
W	Portage
L	Chesterton
L	Valparaiso
4th	Highland Inv.
L	LaPorte
W	Lowell
W	M.C. Rogers
L	Hobart
W	Portage
L	Andrean
W	Chesterton
L	Valparaiso
L	LaPorte
W	Lake Central
L	Highland



# Volleyers bump and spike to even record

The girls' volleyball squad posted an 11-11 record this year, once again reaching the .500 plateau.

Coached by Janis Qualizza, the girls defeated their first three opponents to begin the year on an encouraging note. The squad then exchanged victories with the next few teams before surging to a five-match winning streak. Unfortunately, the girls took only one of their remaining matches, and lost in sectional competition to Gary Roosevelt.

The varsity team found stability in seniors Sandy Love, who played for three years, and Sue Niemeyer, a four-year squad member.

The junior varsity team, led by Coach Margaret Burchfield, finished their season with a 4-18 record.

At the awards banquet, which marked the end of the season, Sandy Love was named most valuable player. Toni Miller was designated most improved, and Alexis Thanos received the mental attitude award.



Sue Niemeyer prepares to bump the ball in preparation for a spike, while teammate Vickie Vergin looks on.



With her teammates ready to help, Peggy Abel lunges into the air to save the point.

Although she appears to be practicing a dance step, Senior Sandy Love has just kept the Pirates alive.

## GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

### Opp.

### MHS

Boone Grove	W
Chesterton	W
Edison	
Hammond Clark	L
Calumet	L
Crown Point	W
Hammond Gavit	L
Gary Roosevelt	W
M.C. Rogers	L
Hebron	W
Wirt	W
Whiting	W
Griffith	W
Hobart	W
Valparaiso	L
Lake Central	L
Andean	W
Portage	L
Highland	L
Munster	L
Laporte	L
Hammond Morton	L



VARSITY SQUAD. Front: Lorrie Rivera. 2nd row: Kathy Huber, Alexis Thanos. 3rd row: Sherrie Matthews, Lisa Woodward, Toni Miller. 4th row: Laura Berndt, Vickie Vergin, Sandy Love, Michelle Baran. Back row: Kelly Hurlburt, Sue Niemeyer.



J-V SQUAD. Front row: Linda Brizendine, Okada Shizumi, Sue Grant, Cindy Perez. 2nd row: Tracy Burditt, Brenda Mencia, Lori Mellinger. Back row: Donna Zajdel, Carol Lipke, Shelly Markle, Lisa Lucas.



Junior Tracy Burditt wears a look of determination as she prepares to slam her serve.



In a tight game against the Lake Station Eagles, Pirates Sandy Love, Sherrie Matthews, Alexis Thanos, and

Lorrie Rivera stand ready to receive the opponent's serve.



Coach Qualizza discusses the game with team members Vickie Vergin,

Peggy Able, Toni Miller, Sherrie Matthews, and Kelly Hurlburt.



Senior Lorrie Rivera bends low to follow through her shot.

# Pirate cagers take the season

A young but determined Pirate squad met a tough schedule head-on and emerged with a 12-9 record.

Guided by senior co-captains Doug Deck and George Forbes, the cagers demonstrated a strong sense of teamwork and unselfish ball-playing. The high scorer varied from game to game. Underclassmen Mike Souronis, Lou Stefanovic, and Bill Meade all helped form the squad into a competitor.

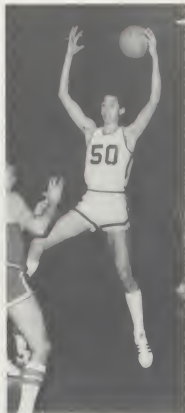
The season began with a 70-57 victory over Lew Wallace. A high point of the year was the Pirates' defeat of highly ranked and previously unbeaten Andean. That defeat stood as the 59ers lone setback in the regular season.

An equally exciting game followed, as Valparaiso came from behind to shade the Pirates at the buzzer. The cagers then went on to record six straight victories, including a thriller over rival Crown Point.

The Pirates compiled another winning streak as they defeated Portage, Gary Roosevelt, Highland, and MC Elston. In sectional play, underdog Highland used slow-down tactics to win by a shot.



Co-captain Doug Deck displays good body control as he splits two defenders on his way to the basket.

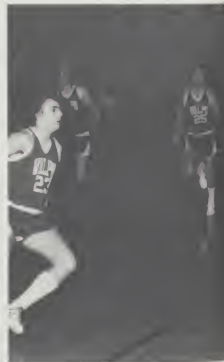


Sophomore Bill Meade shows all-out effort to secure a rebound.



Junior Lou Stefanovic follows up a teammate miss with a power layup to tie Valpo.

Leaving the Andean cager in confusion, Greg Mackey and Doug Deck gain control of the ball for the Pirates.



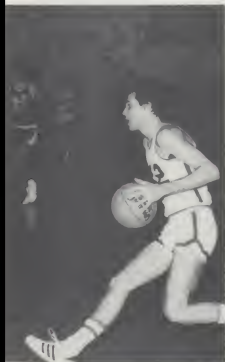
Always a valuable member of the squad, George Forbes makes his move against the Valpo opponent.

## a moment at a time



Guard Mike Souronis takes a shot to cut into LaPorte's lead.

Lou Stefanovic, a P-T Player of the Week, overpowers the LaPorte center.



Greg Mackey and Bill Meade make sure the state finalist Andean team has no chance for a rebound.



In a tight contest with West Side's Cougars, Senior Tim Nelson looks for an open man down court.





Mike Souronis and Bill Meade muf Andrian's attempt to cut into the lead.

Above: With his teammates intently looking on, Senior George Forbes focuses his attention on the basket and another two points.

Right: George Forbes is determined to keep possession of the ball, despite the pressure put on by Valpo's Rob Harden.



Front row: Mgr. Gary Conn, Mgr. Scott Daravanis, Mike Souronis, George Bravos, Mgr. Bill Souronis. Second row: Coach Max Hutchison, Coach Don Slys, Doug Deck, Tim Nelson, Tom Gulotta, Ron Lamb, Head Coach Jim Vermillion. Back row: Dan Jaksic, Demetrius Damaskos, Bill Meade, Lou Stefanovic, Greg Mackey, George Forbes, Dirk Hutchison.

# MHS OPP

70 Lew Wallace	57
57 Elkhart Central	61
45 Kankakee Valley	56
47 E.C. Washington	61
70 Andrian	63
66 Valparaiso	68
67 Ft. Wayne	
Elmhurst	62
71 Lake Central	61
56 Lowell	45
65 Hobart	55
58 Chesterton	55
48 Crown Point	43
48 LaPorte	56
73 M.C. Rogers	84
79 Munster	87
73 Portage	55
69 Gary Roosevelt	63
51 Highland	46
60 M.C. Elston	55
56 Gary West Side	64
41 Highland	43

## BASKETBALL AWARDS

- Most Improved—Greg Mackey, Lou Stefanovic
- Most Valuable—Doug Deck, Lou Stefanovic
- Best Free Throw %—Doug Deck
- Best Field Goal %—Greg Mackey
- Most Rebounds—Lou Stefanovic
- Most Assists—Mike Souronis
- Best Mental Attitude—George Bravos



## Junior Varsity records promising year



Randy Ban shows his ball handling ability against a West Side defender.

Charles Gans and Dave Hutchison help defeat the West Side Cougars.



Andy Manis blocks out everything but the basket as he shoots a free throw.

The Junior Varsity team, coached by Mr. Max Hutchison, used height and bench depth to record a promising 13-7 season.

The leading scorers of the season were Larry Judge, 13.4 points per game; John Tilmon, 10.3 p.p.g.; and Chuck Gans, 9.1 p.p.g. Larry Judge, whose injury prevented him from finishing the season, still had the most assists. Chuck Gans led the squad in rebounds.

The flexible line-up allowed many of the cagers playing time and a chance to develop their skills. This and the considerable height of the Junior Varsity squad is sure to make the Pirates an even more balanced team in the future.



Front row: Mgr. Scott Daravanis, Mgr. Gary Conn, Dave Patz, Jim Fratzke, Mike Anderson, Mgr. Bill Souronis. Second row: Joe Luckiewicz, Dave Knop, Randy Ban, Mike Kemp. Back row: Head Coach Max Hutchison, Tom Meschede, Dave Hutchison, Jon Tilmon, Tom Kunac, Charles Gans, Larry Judge, Bob Salmán. Not shown: Andy Manis.

### JV Basketball

MHS	OPP
42 Lew Wallace	36
39 Elkhart Central	54
60 Kankakee Valley	50
44 E.C. Washington	50
46 Andrean	31
48 Valparaiso	49
50 Ft. Wayne	
Elmhurst	37
31 Lake Central	43
44 Lowell	34
56 Hobart	37
55 Chesterton	48
39 Crown Point	47
57 LaPorte	35
58 M.C. Rogers	57
45 Munster	47
46 Portage	35
32 Gary Roosevelt	41
41 Highland	31
56 M.C. Elston	40
51 Gary West Side	36

# Determination and hustle

The steadily improving girls' basketball squad, encouraged by a mid-season win streak, compiled an 8-9 record this year.

The season began on a dismal note as the team dropped its first four games. But the girls rebounded to defeat their next five opponents, beginning with an exciting and close victory over Andean, and followed by routs of Lew Wallace, Horace Mann, and Rensselaer.

The girls, coached by William Pigg, then entered the sectional competition with high spirits. They again defeated Andean to prove their worth in the "Battle of Broadway." But a setback at the hands of Hobart ended the season for the Pirate cagers.

Awards presented were: MVP, best field goal %, and most rebounds, Sue Niemeyer; mental attitude, Phyllis Victor; most assists, Sandy Love; best free throw %, Linda Scholz; and most improved, Laura Berndt.

Senior Sandy Love forgets the pressure as her free throw hits its mark.



MHS	OPP
32 Highland	43
40 LaPorte	64
36 Munster	46
30 Chesterton	54
36 Andean	35
38 Portage	31
56 Lew Wallace	33
57 Horace Mann	41
47 Rensselaer	31
37 Hobart	50
47 Lake Station	37
52 Valparaiso	63
55 Griffith	37
32 Calumet	60
46 M.C. Rogers	58
35 Andean	32
39 Hobart	47



Above: Intent in his discussion, Coach William Pigg prepares the girls for the next quarter.

Below: Mary Lynn Tombers leads a fast break while her teammates fill in the lanes.



Front Row: Ruth Wirtz, Peggy Abel, Tracy Burditt, Becky Vertrees. Back Row: Coach Diane Mandon, Denise Srocka, Toni Miller, Linda Scholz, Jennifer Patton, Lara Sturtridge, Brenda Mecchia.

# lead to cager improvement



Front Row: Phyllis Victor, Tammy Argeropolos, Mary Lynn Tombers, Alexis Thanos. Back Row: Sue Barton, Vickie Vergin, Coach William Pigg, Sue Niemeyer, Chris Dewell, Sandy Love.



In an attempt to find an open player, Sue Niemeyer is on her way to another assist.



Above: Junior Phyllis Victor finds herself surrounded by Raider defenders.

Her mind still on the game, Chris Dewell is temporarily sidelined while Trainer Lou Grant tapes her thumb.



In a close sectional game, Sue Niemeyer fixes her shot under pressure from Hobart.

# Abundance of talent proves valuable

It was another outstanding year for the boys' swim team. The talented squad, coached by Al Anderson, compiled a 9-4 record and sent four swimmers to the state finals.

The Pirates won their first six meets of the season, leaving no question as to their ability to defeat quality teams. The swimmers finished second in the Duneland Conference meet. An underclass dominated squad then captured the sectional crown and went on to a 12th place finish in the state.

Superior performances marked the season. Freshman standout Bob Beck set two school records, 1:45.5 for the 200-yd. freestyle and 48.72 for the 100-yd. free. The latter also shattered a pool record. Sophomore Dave Pushka set

a 2:01.88 mark for the 200-yd. IM. Brad Moore and John Gogola joined Pushka and Beck for their record 3:19.90 in the 400-yd. free relay.

These record breaking swimmers continued to excel at the state finals. Bob Beck won the 100 free event and placed fourth in the 200 free. Dave Pushka earned 8th place in the 200 IM, and the aforementioned relay team also swam to an 8th place finish.

Awards were presented to: Bob Beck, Rookie of the year and MVP; John Gogola, Unsung Hero; Jeff Jones, most valuable diver; and Rodney Williams, most improved.

Bob Beck tests the water before the 100-yd. freestyle event.



Fighting for the lead in the state meet, sophomore Dave Pushka backstrokes to an eventual 8th place finish in the 200-yd. individual medley.

Freshmen Doug Lewan takes a gasp of air while competing in the 100-yd. freestyle.



OPP	MHS
LaPorte	W
Crown Point	W
Portage	W
S.B. Adams	W
Munster Relays	4th
Chesterton	W
Lowell	W
Bishop Noll	L
Lake Central	W
Munster	L
Noll's Jr.	
Invitational	2nd
Swim Fest	4th
Valparaiso	L
MC Rogers	W
Hobart	W
North Central Inv.	3rd
Duneland Conference	2nd
Highland	L





Not shown:  
 Dave Adams  
 Jeff DeFoor  
 John Dyman  
 Paul Dyman  
 Mike Evanyo  
 John Giordano  
 Jim Graham  
 Jay Jones  
 Dan Maluga  
 Darren McCloud  
 Brad Moore  
 Mitch Ruthkay

Front row: Doug Lewan, Marty Smith, Eric Dornburg, Brad Moore, Bob Beck, Joby Arrendondo, Scott Elliot, Phil Woods, Dave Bigelow. Second row: Mike Traber, Dave Degard, Rich Frank, Nick Seibal, Dave Pushka, Jeff Lax, Rodney Williams, Coach Cliff Gerich. Third row: Tom Smith, Larry Adams, Jeff Peters, Dan Vidimos, Jay Robinson, Stan Capua, Tony Figueroa, Mike Daniel, Rick Connors. Back row: Coach Al Anderson, Randy Williams, John Gogola, Jeff Jones, Coach Doug Stebbens.



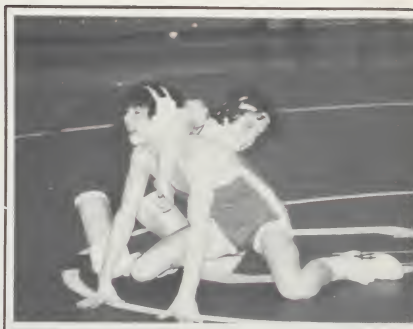
Anxiously awaiting the posting of their times, Dave Pushka and Bob Beck stand beside two rival swimmers.

With great intensity, senior Randy Williams completes his final length in the 100-yd. butterfly.

Swimmers practice their entry dives while Coach Gerich offers advice.



## Wrestling team



After capturing first place in the Moorsville Invitational, Kerry Gaboyan displays his road to victory.

Senior Dan Halsted, in the 119 lb. division, attempts to cradle his Crown Point foe during sectionals.

The 1979-80 boys wrestling team struggled to a disappointing 1-6-1 record. Despite their record, the Pirates were once again competitive and exciting in every match. Under the direction of coach Tom Cameron, many Bucs posted outstanding individual records. They included Jr. Rick Rhodes, 28-2, 126 lbs; Sr. Kerry Gaboyan, 24-4, 167 lbs; Jr. Bruce Jones, 21-5, 145 lbs; and Sr. Mike Yesh, 18-6, 177 lbs.

The Pirates opened their season by competing in the

Culver Invitational. There they crowned three individual champions: Rick Rhodes, Bruce Jones, and Kerry Gaboyan. Rhodes also captured first place in both the M'ville Invitational and the Duneland Conference Tourney. During sectional action, three Pirates emerged as champions. Sophomore Alan Crozier, 105 lbs., Rick Rhodes, and Kerry Gaboyan then advanced to regional competition, where Rhodes was crowned champion. In semi-state action, Rhodes captured third place

overall.

Special awards were presented to Kerry Gaboyan, most takedowns; Mike Yesh, outstanding academic achievement; Bruce Jones, most improved; most falls, best mental attitude, and MVP, Rick Rhodes.

With nine returning lettermen, including Rhodes, the Pirates will definitely be a strong contender in the Duneland Conference.



Front row: Ron Lisch, Scott Plesha, Dave Richards, Brian Stevens, Joe Luckiewicz, Gordon Sunny, Ron Kennison, Back row: Bryant Matthews, Scott Hipp, Dale Miller, Tim Vislosky, Ron Carter, Steve Hipp, Dave Petroff, Dave Pearman.



At the start of the final period, Senior Mike Yesh concentrates on outmaneuvering his opponent.

# produces champions

Front row: Tom Allen, Allan Crozier, Larry Maginot, Dan Halsted, Rick Rhodes, Tim Gavelok, Jamie Mack. Back row: Jeff Jamroz, Tim Wolf, Mike Yesh, Bob Orosz, Skip Walker, Bruce Jones, Kerry Gaboyan.



After a convincing victory in the Merrillville Invitational, captain Rick Rhodes' hand is raised in victory.

Senior Kerry Gaboyan drives a La Porte wrestler to his back.



As he is congratulated by Coach Tom Cameron, Rick Rhodes accepts the most outstanding wrestler award at the Merrillville Invitational.



Varsity Wrestling	
OPP	MHS
Highland	L
LaPorte	L
M'ville Invitational-4th	
Portage	L
Andrean	W
Mooresville Inv.-4th	
MC Rogers	L
Chesterton	L
Duneland	
Conference-5th	
Hobart	T
Culver Inv.-4th	
Valparaiso	L

# Gymnasts excel, capture third in state

"Being the best is all we know. Come on, Pirates, Go Go Go!"

This good luck cheer was chanted before every meet, as the girls' gymnastics team swept their way past the region's competition, leaving area teams wondering when the Pirate superstars were going to "graduate."

Once again, the gymnasts proved that they were the area's best, displaying a huge amount of drive, determination, and dedication. This year's team, loaded with talent and superior senior leadership, completed their dual meet season with a 23-1 record.

Under the direction of seventh year coach Diane Rusak and assisted by Mike Howe, the girls once again dominated the Duneland Conference scene, capturing the conference title for the fourth time in as many years.

The 1979-80 team of 14 strong competed at the intermediate, compulsory, and advanced optional levels. The intermediate team was paced by senior veterans Dara Galic, Lisa Adams, Darlene Sekerez and state contenders Lorrie

Rivera and Paula Tully. Lorrie placed 3rd in vault in both the sectionals and regionals, while Paula captured 3 out of 5 firsts in sectional action and placed 5th on the uneven bars at the state meet. These seniors were aided by underclassmen Corinne Kierkowski and Jan Gough, sophomores, Michelle Dzyacky and Lisa Carnegie, freshmen, and sectional and regional performer in floor exercise, Kathy Wiggins.

Once again the optional team, despite an early season injury to senior captain Tina Wiggins, showed their ability to perform with excellence and consistency. The four-some of Tina Wiggins, junior Donna Engel, and sophomores Lynne Shearin and Laura Wozniak finished their

dual meet season at 14-0, won the Lafayette Jefferson Invitational, and were sectional champs for the third year in a row. At sectionals, Lynne Shearin captured 4 out of 5 firsts, with the remaining first going to Tina Wiggins, making it a clean sweep for the Pirates.

This foursome went on to win the regionals and placed a respectable 3rd in the state meet, proving the team's exceptional depth. The team scored a whopping 105.60 points at regionals, breaking a Northwest Indiana record! During conference action, Tina Wiggins broke the All-Around record for the school by scoring a total of 35.4 pts. Michelle Dzyacky was named most improved, while Dara

Galic had the best mental attitude.



Sophomore Laura Wozniak does a difficult hex dismount with ease.



Lorrie Rivera demonstrates control as she holds a handstand on the beam.



This needlescale by Optional MVP Lynne Shearin shows her flexibility on the balance beam.



Senior Darlene Sekerez completes her floor exercise with a flair.



A recipient of the DDD award, Donna Engel faithfully practices her

somie between the bars before the meet.



Her teammates and coach laugh as Tina Wiggins shows them how she

held her beginning pose until the music started.



Senior Tina Wiggins, who received a Drive, Determination, and Dedication Award, does the Chinese splits on the balance beam.



Front row: Darlene Sekerez, Jan Gough, Kathy Wiggins, Michelle Dzacky, Laura Wozniak, Lynne Shearin, Donna Engel. 2nd row: Corinne Kierkowski, Lorrie Rivera, Dara Galic, Lisa Adams, Paula Tully, Lisa Carnegie. Back row: Coach Mike Howe, Tina Wiggins, Coach Diane Rusak.



One gymnast who will be especially missed is Paula Tully, winner of a DDD award and presented with Intermediate MVP honors.

For the sheer excitement of one-on-one competition, no sport can come close to track. Fractions of a second or an inch separate the winners from the ones who gave their best but came up short. This year, the boys track team had an exciting season, thanks to the combined efforts of senior and underclass athletes alike.

The Pirates had a 3-4 dual meet record and won their only triangular meet of the season. They also captured first place in the Hobart Little Five and the Griffith Relays. In indoor competition, the Pirates participated in the Broncho and Bishop Noll Relays, where no team scores were kept.

Several school records were set by Pirate track and field men. Sophomore sensation Bill Meade cleared 6'7½" in the high jump and leaped 22'7" in the long jump. Senior Brian Wielogorski hurled the discus 168'4" in sectional competition, which was a

sectional record as well. The two-mile relay team of Steve Sicula, Mark Amaya, Dave Rainford, and Scott Plesha recorded a time of 8:15.7.

Merrillville crowned four champions at sectionals. Wielogorski won both discus and shotput, one of his many double wins of the year. Mead came in first in the long jump with a 22'5½" and qualified for regionals in the high jump. Bill Gallo captured the 2-mile run.

In the regionals, Meade won the high jump with a 6'7" leap. He was second in the long jump, edged out of first by a half inch. Wielogorski was third in discus with a hurl of 160'9". All three efforts qualified them for the state meet.

Awards were earned by Bill Meade, MVP, and Mark Amaya, who met the Iron Man credentials. Mike Anderson was recipient of the best mental attitude award.

MVP Bill Meade, who also excelled in the long jump, clears the bar to help defeat Hobart.



It only takes a moment to break the tape



Front: Coach Woody Melcher, Steve Sicula, Earl Capuli, Jeff Sanok, Jim Petrotti, Jarvis Peddicord, Bill Gallo, Mike McGhan. Second row: Coach Mark Pieroni, Don Snemis, Dave Rainford, Al Sawochka, Mike Anderson, Dave Knop, Scott Plesha, Mark Amaya, Coach Laley Armontrout. Third row: Jerry Voyles, Brian Wielogorski, Scott Stevens, Dirk Hutchison, Mike Meade, Bill Meade, Charles Gans, Larry Judge. Back row: Dave Barnes, Jeff Habrych, Darrell Boruff, Jim Hendrickson, Dan Barnes, RanGonzales, John Tilmon, Larry Oliver, Xavier Canciola.



Two of Randy Gonzales' teammates help him limber up and show whose #1 at the same time.





The effort and perseverance displayed by Pirate hurdlers Dirk Hutchison and Vcott Stevens against the Hobart competitor was what made them qualify team members.

MHS	Valparaiso	OPP
63		64
33	Gary Roosevelt	
93		
58	MC Rogers	69
64	Portage	63
49	Chesterton	78
77	LaPorte	50
84½	Hobart	42½
75	Gary Wirt	47
	Andean	37
	Hobart Little Five-1st	
	Chesterton Relays-3rd	
	Delphi Relays-2nd	
	Griffith Relays-1st	
	Conference-4th	
	Sectionals-3rd	
	Regionals-6th	
	Bloom Trail Relays-15th	

or clear the bar, but years of work are behind it



Brian Wielogorski displays shotput and discus after winning both events.

Photograph courtesy of Gary Post-Tribune



Pirates Dave Knop, Dave Barnes, and Darrell Boruff are in good shape into the final turn.

Sophomore Mike Anderson starts off the block in the 100-M dash.

# Girls' 13-1 mark speaks for itself

Superior performances by the girls' track team led them to a 13-1 record and the crowning of six sectional champions.

Under the leadership of second-year coach Jim Moody, the girls swept by their first eleven opponents. Gary Wirt and Roosevelt were the only two of these teams that came close to knocking the Pirates from their undefeated standing. This set the stage for the LaPorte meet, always a tough contest. Although LaPorte handed the Pirates their first defeat of the year, the team evened the score by edging the Slicers to win the Dunesland Conference meet.

In sectionals, six Pirates won their events and three others qualified also qualified for regionals. They were: junior Janie Harper, 100-meter dash; junior Mary Lynn Tombers, 800-M; junior Kathleen Tournai, 200-M dash; senior Karen Sohovich, 100-M hurdles; freshman Michelle Dzyacky, high jump; and the 400-M relay team of Harper, Sohovich, freshman Sherri Modrak and sophomore Margie Trocha. The same talented group won their events at the Conference meet earlier in the season. The 800-M medley relay team qualified, and the versatile Margie Trocha earned a place in the regionals in both the 100-M and 200-M dash.

The regional competition, re-scheduled because of an omitted entry, saw the Pirates capture a hard-earned fifth place finish. The 400-M relay team ran away with second place in :50.0 flat. Michelle Dzyacky came through with a jump of 5'3" to earn third place honors. Both finishes earned a spot in the state finals. Karen Sohovich was sixth in hurdles in :14.9, and the medley relay nearly qualified for the state meet with a third place 1:54.2.



Shotputter Donna Zajdel releases and follows through to gain points for the Pirates.



Junior Kathleen Tournai, who also competed in the long jump, fights to keep the lead in the 100-M dash.

Freshman standout Michelle Dzyacky is about to capture first place in the high jump against Portage.



MHS	OPP
'98 MC Rogers	7
80 Portage	25
56 Andrian	20
Wirt	55
81 Chesterton	24
71 Valparaiso	34
56 Highland	26
Gary Roosevelt	52
56 Lake Central	36 1/2
Highland	30 1/2
45 LaPorte	60
79 Hobart	26
88 Munster	27
Lake Station	19
Conference Meet—1st	



Karen Tonetski and Karen Sohovich, the only seniors on this year's squad, loosen up before running the hurdles.



#### Girls track awards

Best mental attitude:

**Julie Bowman**

Most field events:

**Michelle Dzyacky**

MVP:

**Karen Sohovich**

Most running points:

**Mary Lynn Tombers**

Most improved:

**Margie Trocha**

The look on Karen Sohovich's face captures the fierce determination of an athlete.

Junior Julie Bowman, a consistent runner in the long events, saves her strength in the 800-M run.

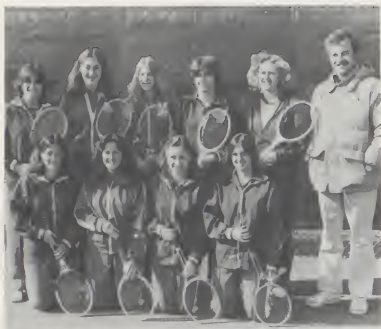


Junior Janet Hartwig stretches to gain extra inches in the long jump.

Sherri Modrak is definitely in the race as she runs the 100-M hurdles in the Duneland Conference meet.



Front row: Coach Jim Moody, Michelle Dzyacky, Becky Remley, Gina Harriman, Sherri Modrak, Lorie Mellinger, Linda Scholz, Karen Tometski, Kathleen Tournai, Janet Hartwig, Linda Lesniak, Donna Zajdel, Coach Carol Yates. Back row: Laura LaMarca, Debbie Evans, Cheryl Tomb, Janie Wilkerson, Barb Helwig, Julie Bowman, Lisa Feneck, Renee Hopper, Janie Harper, Margie Trocha, Mary Lynn Tombers, Debbie Bennett. Not shown: Karen Sohovich.



Varsity Squad, Front: Donna Johnson (#2 doubles), Kathy Puntillo (#2 singles), Patty Dudak (#1 doubles), Chris Lalios (#1 doubles). Back: Tammy Argeropolos (#3 singles), Liz Christoff (#5 singles), Michaelene Hamang (#4 singles), Sue Barton (#2 doubles), Michelle Baran (#1 singles), Coach Joe Ameling.



Junior Patty Dudak, a part of the leading doubles team for the second

consecutive year, fires a forehand shot.



It's clear who junior Chris Lalios thinks is the best tennis team.



Senior Michaelene Hamang anxiously waits to return a serve.



Senior mainstay Kathy Puntillo follows through a crucial shot.



## Girls tennis—what a racket!



Constant practice has helped to keep Michelle Baran at the top of the singles players.

The girls' tennis team improved on last year's record and recorded fine individual performances on their way to a 6-9 finish.

The team began the season in style, defeating Lowell by a score of 6-1 and edging Calumet 4-3. The next two matches were heartbreakers, dropped by identical 3-4 scores. Munster and LaPorte, perpetual girls' tennis powers,

were responsible for two of the losses. The Pirates blanked Lake Station later in the season, easily defeating their opponents in the five singles matches and two doubles contests.

Patty Dudak and Chris Lalios, the #1 doubles duo, compiled the best record of the year. They finished 10-5. Michelle Baran also had a fine record of 9-5.

Awards were presented to: Michelle Baran, most valuable player; Tammy Argeropolos, best mental attitude; and Liz Christoff, most improved.

MHS	OPP
W	Lowell
W	Calumet
L	Griffith
L	Lake Central
L	Munster
L	Crown Point
W	Lake Station
L	Hobart
W	M.C. Rogers
L	Highland
L	LaPorte
L	Valparaiso
W	Hammond Gavitt
W	Portage
L	Chesterton



Protected against the windy weather, junior Tammy Argeropolos is caught in midswing.



Junior Varsity Squad, Front: Dawn Howe, Karen Palvas, Denise Dudak, Tracy Jones, Kelly Caravana, Peggy Abel. Back: Chris Dewell, Sue Long, Donna Tomondi, Andrea Berndt, Dawn Darks, Coach Joe Ameling.



## Pirate golfers take it to the "max"

The seniors on the 1980 golf squad were determined to make their last season an unforgettable one. With the help of their underclass teammates, they went out and did just that, powering the squad to a 22-3 regular season and the second regional championship in history.

Led by Coach Max Hutchinson, senior golfers Walt Hanas, Tim Dobis, and Dan Traficante demonstrated the leadership and ability necessary for a championship team. Walt Hanas was match medalist several times, and tied for medalist in the Scherwood Invitational. Junior Dave Janizek earned tourney medalist in the Rensselaer Invitational. Mark Bublitz and Tim Short, also juniors, added depth to the squad.

One of the high points of the season was a first place finish in the Rensselaer Central Invitational. The Pirates edged Valparaiso, who dealt them a one-stroke loss earlier

in the year, to gain the title. Valpo was again a tough contender in the Scherwood Inv., sliding past the Pirates by way of the fifth man's score.

After winning their last six matches, the squad went on to place third in sectionals and moved ahead to the LaPorte regional. Here, led by Walt Hanas' one over par 73, they captured the regional crown. The Pirates' triumph came in a tightly packed field, with six strokes difference between the top five teams. The Bucs then advanced to semi-state action where they placed a close second. Leading the way were Walt Hanas, 74; Tim Dobis, 78; and Dan Traficante, 79. By placing second in the semi-state, the Bucs qualified for the state meet. There they finished a very strong fourth. Leading the Pirates once again was Hanas, placing fourth individually with a 78.



Senior Tim Dobis explodes into this fairway shot on the sixth hole at Summertime Golf course.



During a tight dual match with Valpo, senior Dan Traficante calmly sinks this eight foot putt for a par.



Junior Mark Bublitz carefully chips his ball onto the green.



Most valuable golfer, Walt Hanas, follows through with this tee shot on the par five sixth hole at Summertree.



This year's most improved golfer, Tim Short, takes time out to line up a short but important putt for a birdie.

On a much lighter note during a match, junior Dave Janizek shows his excitement after knocking in a long putt.



Varsity golf team: Tim Short, Dan Traficante, Walt Hanas, Dave Janizek, Mark Bubltz, Tim Dobis, Coach Max Hutchison.

MHS	OPP
157	Andreon 190
161	Crown Point 177
333	M.C. Elston 344
	SB St. Joseph 337
158	Valparaiso 157
164	Highland 162
164	Portage 188
159	LaPorte 169
155	Munster 170
153	Chesterton 182
156	M.C. Rogers 159
173	Crown Point 174
153	Hobart 174
	Hamover 179
158	Andreon 172
	Lake Central 173
162	Boone Grove 189
169	Valparaiso 147
148	Portage 164
154	Hobart 156
155	LaPorte 163
162	Chesterton 180
	Highland 171
159	M.C. Rogers 167
	Rensselaer Central Inv.—1st
	Lafayette Jeff. Inv.—3rd
	Schenwood Inv.—2nd

## Pirates put heat on area powers

The 1980 Pirate varsity baseball team completed another winning season, finishing 20-10 and capturing the Duneland Conference title with a record of 9-3. But once again, the Bucs' season came to an abrupt halt during sectional action, this year falling to the hands of Lew Wallace by a score of 6-2.

It is evident that the Pirates had talent. Take, for instance, Tim Vislosky. The tall junior led the pitching staff in all categories, including earned run average, .91; record, 8-4; bases on balls, 30; and strikeouts, 99 during 76.1 innings. What really makes these statistics impressive is the fact Vislosky faced all the Pirates toughest foes. Senior Bill Brebrich also had a good year and finished with an ERA of 2.89.

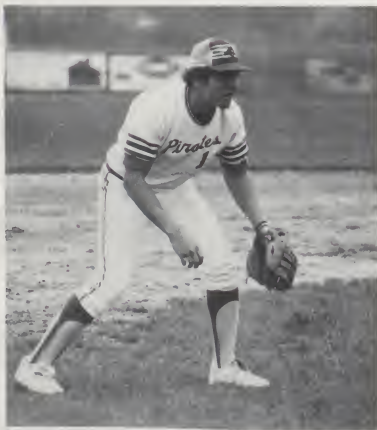
In the hitting department, the Pirates were led by senior George Bravos. The spunky redhead finished the season

batting .407. He also led the Bucs in hits, 33; stolen bases, 21; and triples. Also having good years with the stick were juniors Jeff Hacker and Phil Maicher. Hacker finished with an average of .326 and led the team in runs scored with 25. Maicher was the main muscle of this year's squad swatting 5 home runs and also leading the team in RBI's with 20. He also hit for the average and batted .300.

The Pirates started the season with two quick losses but then rebounded with a win streak of seven. Included in the streak was a 3-1 decision over previously top-ranked LaPorte. Later in the season, the Pirates once again beat the Slicers, as Vislosky fired a two-hitter.

During the season the Pirates received inspirational support from team members "Cheeks" Vela, Chaz Pastor, and advice from Mr. Jurasevich and Gramps.

Junior Phil Maicher, who connected for a grand-slam home run against Munster, displays his home run hitting form.



Third basemen Doug Deck begins to creep towards home plate to prevent a possible bunt.

Outstanding right-hander Tim Vislosky reaches back to uncork his fastball, which enabled him to strike out 99 batters in over 76 in.

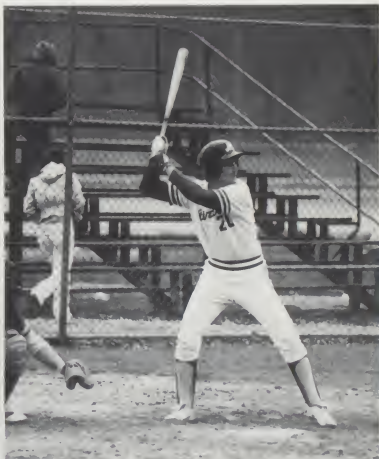


Front row: Doug Barnack, Jay Zolchak, Greg Vela, Brad Jurasevich. Second row: Mike Souronis, Steve Warren, Mike Kerulis, Charles Pastor, Jeff Hacker, Sean Clapp, Scott Ahlborn. Back row: Coach Bill Metcalf, Doug Jurasevich, Doug Deck, Tim Vislosky, Bill Brebrich, George Bravos, Phil Maicher, Jeff Ban.



Seniors Brebrich, Vela, and Ban bundle up to stay warm during a game.

George Bravos lays down a perfectly placed bunt for a single.



Returning letterman Mike Kerulis sets himself before walloping a homer against Lew Wallace.

MHS	OPP
1	EC Washington 2
3	Andean 4
3	Andean 2
3	Portage 2
3	LaPorte 1
6	Chesterton 0
8	West Side 6
21	Calumet 3
2	Hobart 0
2	Valparaiso 9
3	MC Rogers 2
0	Crown Point 6
0	Crown Point 2
6	Portage 2
3	LaPorte 1
4	Valparaiso 3
6	Hammond 10
9	Hammond 7
0	Chesterton 3
7	Calumet 1
7	Lew Wallace 12
3	Lew Wallace 8
0	Hobart 3
5	Lowell 4
6	MC Rogers 3
10	Gary Roosevelt 0
8	Griffith 4
2	Munster 0
8	Munster 1
2	Lew Wallace 6

# PEOPLE

Yesterday, and today,  
and forever.

The Bible Philippians—James







## The Moment We Lived For:

RON ABNEY; DALE ADAMS, Football 9, Wrestling 9; LISA ADAMS, Cheerleading 9, Choir 10, 11, Student Council 12; Gymnastics 11, 12; SCOTT AHLBORN.



CINDY ALBEE, Choir 9, 10, 11; KATE ANDREATOS, Choir 9, 10, 11; HELEN ANGELOV, French 11, 12; MIKE ANTICH, Track 9, Football 10, 11, National Honor Society 11.

MARC ANTICH, Football 10, 11; CHRISTINE ARREDONDO; FELICE ARREDONDO, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Flag Corp 12; KENNETH ARREDONDO.



STEVE ASHFORD; BARBARA ASHLEY; MICHAEL ATSAS, Swimming 10; ROBERT BACHICH.

JEFFREY BAILEY, Wrestling 10; ROBIN BALCERAK; JEFFREY BAN, Cross Country 9, Baseball 10, 11, 12, National Honor Society, 11, 12, Basketball 9; LISA BARKASI, Band 9, Yearbook 9, 12, Pom Pons 11, 12, Powder Puff 10, 11, Student Council 11.



# GRADUATION

ROBERT BARNES, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Science Club 11, Newspaper 11, Band 9, 10; JAMES BARON; BRENDA BARTON; SUSAN BARTON, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 10, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12, National Honor Society 11, 12, Student Council 12, Spanish Honor Society 12.



LORRI BELLA, Play 10, Spanish Club 10, 11, Thespians 10, 11, 12, Powder Puff 12; ROY BECKER; JAMES BEDDOME; DAVE BEDELLA, Band, 9, 10, 11, 12, Thespians 10, 11, 12, Vocaleers 11, 12, Cross Country 11, 12.

LORI BELLA, German Club 10, Student 10, 11, Powder Puff 11; RUSSELL BELLAMY; MARK BERGSTROM; DEBRA BERNDT, Tennis 10, 11, 12, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12



MITCHELL BEST, Football 9, 10, Track 10; EDWARD BETZ; MARY BICKEL, Powder Puff 12; LISA BIELAK

WILLIAM BIKOS, Football 9, 10; JEANETTE BLANEY; RONALD BLANEY; JOHN BOGORDOS, Basketball 9, Baseball 9, 10, Cross Country 9.



GEORGE BRAVOS; WILLIAM  
BREBRICH, Basketball 9, 10, Baseball  
9, 10, 11, 12; BARBARA BRISLEN,  
Swimming 10, 11, 12; GREGORY  
BROWN.



DANIEL BUGOS; PAULA BUGGIE;  
GINO BURELLI, Swimming 10, 11, 12;  
JOSEPH BURKE.

ANICA CACOVSKI; KENNETH CA-  
LAWAY, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Base-  
ball 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10,  
Band 9, 10, 11; GAIL CALLENDER,  
Homecoming Court; LISA  
CAMPBELL.



EDEN CAPULI, Choir 9, Powder Puff  
Football 10, Secretary 11, National  
Honor Society 11, 12, Homecoming  
Court; RAINE CARLSON, Future  
Teachers Of America 10, 11, 12, Ger-  
man Club 10, Powder Puff Football  
11; ANITA CARPENTER; LISA  
CARTER.

MARTIN CASTELLANOS, Wrestling  
9, 10, Thespians 10, 11, 12, Spanish  
Club 11, 12; MARK CATCHUR, Wres-  
tling 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, Football 10,  
11, 12, Diving 9, Spanish Club 11, 12  
(Pres.); LISA CHADD; MICHAEL  
CHASE, National Honor Society 11,  
12.



**ROBERT CHENOWETH**, Swimming 9, Science Club 10, 11, Yearbook 12; **PAMELA CHETNIK**; **MICHAEL CHEW**; **ALEXANDER CHRISTOFF**, Track 9, Band 10, National Honor Society 11, 12, Vocalteens 11, 12.



**GERALD CHRISTOFF**, Junior Class President, Senior Class Vice-President, Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Pres.); **National Honor Society 12 (Pres.)**; **ROBERT CHURILLA**; **KELLY CLEMONS**; **MICHAEL COLLINS**.



**DON CONRAD**; **PAM COOK**; **BRETT COOKSTON**; **CATHY COOPER**, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10.



**SUZANNE COREDIG**, Powder Puff Football 11, 12, Choir 11; **MARK CORSON**; **CLARENCE COX**; **RICH-ARD CRISTEA**.

**KELLY CRUMPTON**, Choir 9, Girls Glee 10, Spanish Club 10, Concert Choir 11; **SANDRA CUEVAS**; **DIANE CZERNOCH**; **DENNIS DANTON**, Chess 9.





DEMETRIS DAMASKOS, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Baseball 9; ROBERT DANIEL; SCOTT DARAVANIS, Basketball Mng'r. 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Newspaper 12; LORI DARNELL, National Spanish Honor Society.



JOHN DAVIES; JEFFREY R. DAVIS; JEFFREY S. DAVIS, Yearbook 9, 11, 12, Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Science Club 10, 11, 12, German Club 10, 11; MITCHELL DAVIS, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Yearbook 12.

GREGORY DE. ST. JEAN, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9; DOUGLAS DECK, Cross Country 9, 10, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9; STEVEN DEER; JANET DELUCENAY.



SANDRA DENNICK, G.A.A. 9, Track 9, Powder Puff 10; ROBIN DEYOT, Choir 9, French Club 10, 11, 12, Powder Puff Football 11; RAYMOND DIANA, Band 9, 10, 11, 12, German Club 10, 11, Science 10, 11, 12, National Honor Society 11, 12; WILLIAM DICKSON.

TIMOTHY DIEFFENBACH, Wrestling 9, 10, Yearbooks 9, 11, Concert Choir 11, Vocalists 11, 12, Thespians 11, 12; JAMES DIENES; JEFFERY DITRICH, Track 9, Band 9, 10; CABOT DIXON.



DARREN DIXON; TIMOTHY DOBIS,  
Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; MICHAEL DOMA-  
ZET; JOHANNA DOVELLOS, G.A.A.  
9.



CURT DUJMOVICH; ANN DUNKEL-  
BERGER, G.A.A. 9, Thespians 10, 11,  
12, Girl's Glee 10, Choir 12, Science  
Club 10, 11, 12, National Honor So-  
ciety 11, 12; ROBERT DUNKLAU,  
Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9,  
Track 9; JOHN DURKIN, Swimming  
9, 10.



PATRICK DOYLE, Swimming 9;  
THOMAS DRABIK, Band 9; RICH-  
ARD DREYOVICH; MARY DUBAJ-  
ICH, East Gary 9, 10, Pep Club 11,  
Sunshine Society 11.



MARY DZYACKY, Track 10; ELIZA-  
BETH EKAITIS, Swimming 9, 10,  
Choir 9, 10, Pom Pons 11, 12, Na-  
tional Honor Society 11, 12; LAURIE  
ELEA; LAWRENCE ELEFThERI.



PAUL DYMAN; JAMES DZIEWICKI;  
FRANK DZIK; RANDOLPH  
DZURKO.

**JAMES ELIA**, Baseball 9; **VICTORIA EVANS**, Track 9,10,11,12, Choir 9,10,11,12, Yearbook 9, German Club 10,12, Thespians 10,11,12, Student Council 10,11,12, Cross Country 11,12; **LINDA EVION**; **LORA EYRICH**, Choir 9,10,11,12, French Club 10,11,12, Powder Puff Football 11.



**MICHELLE FAIRE**, Choir 9, National Honor Society 12, Student Council 9,10,11, Pom Pons 11,12, Homecoming Court; **TAMMY FAUSNAUGH**, Future Teachers Of America 11,12; **JOHN FAVRETTO**; **MARCIA FIACABLE**.

**RUTH FIEBELKORN**, National Honor Society 11; **RICK FOOR**, Band 9,10,11,12; **GEORGE FORBES**, Basketball 9,10,11,12; **PAM FOX**, Choir 9,10,11, Spanish Club 11.



**JOE FRANKO**; **JEFFREY FRATZKE**, Basketball 9, Cross Country 9, Choir 9, National Honor Society 11,12; **KERRY GABOYAN**, Football 9,10,12, Basketball 9, Wrestling 11,12, Track 9,12; **SCOTT GABOYAN**.

**STEPHANIE GABRICI**, Choir 9,10,11,12, Thespians 10,11,12, Student Council 9,10,11, French Club 10,11, Newspaper 11, Powder Puff Football 11; **EVANGELINE GALANOS**; **HELEN GALANOS**; **DARINKA GALIC**, Gymnastics 10,11,12.



MARY GALLAITIS, Choir 9,10, Powder Puff Football 10,11, Yearbook 12;  
MARY BETH GANS, French Club 11,12, Powder Puff 11; LEONARD  
GARAVALLA, Band 9, Football 9;  
TAMMIE GARZA.



PETER GIORGI; CHERI GLATT,  
Cheerleading 10, Pom Pons 11,12,  
Powder Puff Football 11; SUSAN GLI-  
BOTA; JOHN GOGOLA, Swimming  
10,11,12.



BOZANA GASICH; DEBORAH GEI-  
SEN; CAROL GILEA; SHERRI GILTZ,  
Choir 9,10, Powder Puff Football 11.



DAVID GOUGH; STEVE GRATTO,  
Cross Country 9, Basketball 9, Base-  
ball 9,10, Tennis 11,12, Student Coun-  
cil 9,12, National Honor Society 11,12,  
Yearbook 12; TANYA GRDINICH,  
Volleyball 9, Powder Puff Football  
10,11, Student Council 10; KATHLEEN  
GRUBER.



RANDY GONZALES, Student Council  
9, Football 9,10,11,12, Track  
9,10,11,12, Wrestling 9; JAMES  
GORANOVICH; DARLENE GOR-  
GAS; RONALD GORSKI, Hockey  
9,10, Track 9,11,12, Swimming 10,  
Wrestling 11,12.

TAMMY GULOTTA, Choir 9,10,11;  
TOM GYFTAKIS; CHERYL HAJVERT;  
DANIEL HALSTED, Wrestling  
9,10,11,12, Tennis 10,11.



MICHAELNE HAMANG, Tennis  
10,11,12, Student Council 10,11, Thes-  
pians 10,11,12, Velveteens 11, Vocal-  
teens 12, Powder Puff Football 11,12;  
CHARLES HAMILTON; DAVID  
HAMPTON; WALTER HANAS, Golf  
9,10,11,12.



KATHLEEN HANSBURY; DEBRA  
HANSEN; LORI HARDING; SUSAN  
HARDT, French Club 11,12, National  
Honor Society 11,12, Sunshine So-  
ciety 12.



ARTHUR HARMS, Football 9, Na-  
tional Honor Society 11,12; COLIN  
HARMS; GEORGE HARPER, Choir  
9,10,11,12, National Honor Society 11,  
Football 9,10,11, Baseball 9,10,11;  
BRIAN HARRISON.

SHERRY HARTMANN, Band 9;  
DIANNE HARVOTH, Choir 9,10,  
Yearbook 12, Powder Puff Football  
10,11; DANIEL HAVIZA, Track  
9,10,11,12, Cross Country 10,11,12;  
JOHN HEFTY.





TRACEY HEIDORN; LAURA HELBLING; JASON HENDRICKS; DONNA HENDRICKSON, Choir 9.



KATHY HICKS, G.A.A. 9, Tennis 10, Volleyball 12; KATHLEEN HIGGINS, Spanish Club 10, Pep Club 10; LIBBY HINES, Choir 10,11,12, Velveteens 11, National Honor Society 12; JOHN HODOREK.

CONNIE HOEKSTRA, National Honor Society 12; PATRICIA HOMER, Yearbook 9,12, Newspaper 9, Spanish Club 10,11; National Honor Society 11,12; CRISTINE HOSTETLER; SUZANNE HOWELL.



JAMES HRONOPOULOS; KENNETH HUBER, Baseball 9, Football 9, Choir 9, National Honor Society 11,12; SHAWN HUDECEK, Choir 9, Powder Puff Football 10,11,12; WILLIAM HUTSON, Football 9, Track 9, Thespians 12, Science Club 12.

MARK ISENBURG, Basketball 9, Track 9,10,11,12; JOHN IVETICH; DUSKO JAKSIC; KATHLEEN JANNASCH, Track 9, Golf 9,10,11,12, Choir 9,10,11, Tennis 11,12.



LISA JANSEN, G.A.A. 9, Choir 9,10,11,12, Thespians 10,11,12, German Club 10, Student Council 10, Vocaleers 11,12; LORETTA JAROSCAK, Choir 9,10, Student Council 9, German Club 10,11, Cross Country 11; MICHAEL JASIAK, Band 9,10,11,12, French Club 9, Swimming 12; JEFFREY JATCZAK, Football 9,10,11,12, Track 9.



PATRICIA JIMENEZ, Pep Club 9, Choir 9,10,11; DONNA JOHNSON; GLENN JOHNSON, Choir 9,10,11,12, Band 9,10, Student Council 11, Chess Club 11,12, Wrestling 9,10, RICHARD JOHNSON.

JEFFREY JONES, Football 10,11,12, Cross Country 9, Basketball 9, Track 9,10, Diving 10,11,12; NANCY JONES, G.A.A. 9, Pep Club 9, S. Council 9, Spanish Club 10,11; JANET JOYCE, Choir 9,10,11,12, Powder Puff Football 10,11; JOHN JURASEVICH, Football 9, Track 9, Baseball Mng. 9.



JACQUELINE KACALA, Band 9,10,11; JEANNINE KACMAR, Yearbook 9, Band 9,10,11,12, Track 10, National Honor Society 11; JOAN KACMAR, Yearbook 9, Band 9,10,11,12, Track 10, National Honor Society 11,12; DEBBIE KALUF.

ANGIE KAMBOURIS; GRETCHEN KARAS; TROY KEISER; LORI KELLENBERGER.



**TIMOTHY KELLEY**, Football Mngr. 9,10,11,12, Wrestling Mngr. 9,12; **ANDREW KELNER**, Football 9,10, National Honor Society 12, German Club 12, Student Council 12; **MICHAEL KERULIS**; **LINDA KEYES**.



**EUGENE KEZY**, Football 9,10,11, Band 9,10,11,12, Wrestling 9, Baseball 9, **LAURA KING**, Powder Puff Football 10,11; **JEFFREY KLEBAN**; **GENE KLEIST**, Baseball 9.

**NOREEN KLOC**; **DAVE KLOTH**; **PAUL KNISH**; **JOY KOEN**, Newspaper 9, Thespians 10,11,12, Choir 10,11,12, Vocalteens 12, Velvetens 11.



**JUDITH KOEPKE**, Future Homemakers Of America 11, Powder Puff Football 11; **ELENI KORAKAKIS**, Newspaper 9, Student Council 9, Pep Club 10,11, National Honor Society 11,12; **ENGELINE KOSTANTIOS**, Swimming 9, Choir 10,11; **SHARON KOTTARDIS**, Pep Club 9, French Club 10,11, Powder Puff Football 10,11,12.

**KRISTINE KOTTIS**, Band 9,10,11,12, Spanish Club 10,11,12; **IN MEMORY OF DRAGICA KOVAC**; **MIKE KOVAC**; **KAREN KOWALCZYK**.



JOHNATHAN KRAMPIEN, Science Club 10,11,12; DAVID KROL, Baseball 9; PATRICIA KUNSTEK; KARL KUSTRICH.



BRIDGET LACHOWICZ; SCOTT LAFOONE; GERALD EDWARD LAMB; MELDENE LAMB, Powder Puff Football 12.

JAMES LANGBEHN, Swimming 9,10,11, National Honor Society 12; DWAYNE LAPE, Football 9,10, Wrestling 9,10; KATHY LEASER, Cheerleading 9,10, Yearbook 11,12; LINDA LEPLY, Swimming 9, Band 9,10,11, Future Teachers Of America 12, Spanish Club 10,11,12, National Honor Society 12.



NANCY LEVENSON, Track 9, Powder Puff Football 11, Future Teachers Of America 11; LOREE LEWAN, Swimming 9,10,11,12, Band 9,10; SCOTT LEWIS, Band 9,10; NICK LIAPES, Soccer 10,12.

GREGORY LILLY, Football 9, Basketball 9, Student Council 9; MARYANN LINDGREN, Yearbook 9,12, Newspaper 9, Thespians 10,11,12, Science Club 10,11,12, French Club 11,12, Class Treasurer 12, National Honor Society 11,12; GREGORY LINNEMAN, Thespians 10,11,12, Vocalists 11,12; JAMES LIPTON, Golf 9,12.





SANDRA LOVE, Choir 9, Track 9,10, Volleyball 10,11,12, Basketball 10,11,12; JEFFREY LOZINSKI; GREGORY LUNDY; MARIJA MACE, Pep Club 9, Choir 9,10,11, Future Teachers Of America 10,11,12, Spanish Club 10,11, Powder Puff Football 10, Student Council 10, National Honor Society 11,12.



LAURA MARESKO, Cheerleader 9, Gymnastics 9,10,11, Powder Puff Football 12; SUSAN MARIS; PAMELA MAROULES; RAYMOND MARTINEZ, Spanish Club 10,11, Newspaper 11.



SCOTT MAYES; ANTHONY MCCROVITZ, Soccer 9,10, Basketball 9, Track 11,12, Science Club 11,12; GARY MCCLELLAN; DEBRA MCLOUD, Swimming 10,11,12, Powder Puff Football 10, French Club 10, Pom Pons 11,12.



EDNA MACHNIK, Thespians 10,11,12, Student Council 10,12, Choir 10,11, Powder Puff Football 11, Spanish Club 11,12, Velveteens 12; BETH MADDACK, Choir 9,11,12, Thespians 10,11,12, Spanish Club 10,11,12, Powder Puff Football 11; LYNN MALONEY, Pom Pons 11,12; DENISE MARCOFF, Choir 9.

MICHELLE MATHEWS, Choir 9, German Club 10; KATHLEEN MATHSON; ERNEST MAYER, Track 9,10, Band 9,10,11,12, Chess 9; RONALD MAYERSKY, Basketball 9,10, Baseball 10,12.



JEFFREY MCCUMBER; KIM MCDONALD, Swimming 9, Track 9,10,11, Golf 10,11,12, Spanish Club 10,11,12, Future Teachers Of America 12; KATHLEEN MCLAUGHLIN, Swimming 9,10,11, Pom Pons 12, Powder Puff Football 12; JEFFREY MCPHERSON.



BETTY MELCHER, Track 9,10, Powder Puff Football 10,11,12; JACQUELINE MESCHEDÉ, Basketball 9,10,11, Powder Puff Football 10,11,12; CATHERINE MESTOULIS, Cheerleading 9, Pom Pons 10,11,12; DANIEL METCALF, Football 9, Baseball 9.

JOHN KEVIN MIHOK, Football 10; MAUREN MIKOLAGAK, Choir 9,10,11; ROXANNE MIKULY; DIANNE MILANOVICH.



DAWN MILBRANDT; KATHY MILE-NKI, Powder Puff Football 10,11,12; KENNETH MILLER; MARK MILO.

KATHY MISCHAN, Powder Puff Football 10; JOHN MISHLER Baseball 10; PAULA MITCHELL, Track 9, Pom Pons 10,11, Pop Club 10; KATHLEEN MITRO.



KIMBERLY MIZERAK; RENEE MOD-  
ROWSKI; GREGORY MOHNEY;  
ZLATKO MOJSILOVIC.



MARK MONTORO; LISA JILL  
MOORE, Student Council 9,11,  
G.A.A. 9, Yearbook 12, Basketball  
Stat. 11,12, Football Stat. 12; MARK  
MOORE; PENNY MORITZ, Roose-  
velt 10,11, Future Teachers Of Amer-  
ica 12, Sunshine Society 12, French  
Club 12, National Honor Society 12.

KAREN MOROZ, Band 9,10,11,12;  
KIM MOROZ, Track 9,10,11,12, Band  
9,10,11,12, Student Council 9, Ger-  
man Club 12; DAN MORTON; MAR-  
GARET MURPHY.



PETER MURPHY; CARRIE NA-  
DOLSKI; MARY NADOLSKI; LAW-  
RENCE NAY.

KAREN NELSON; TAMARA NELSON,  
Golf 10,11,12, National Honor Society  
12; TIMOTHY NELSON, Basketball  
9,10,11,12; BONNIE NEUMEYER.



DALE NEWLIN, Football 9,10, Baseball 9; SUSAN NIEMEYER, Volleyball 9,10,11,12, Basketball 9,10,11,12, Tennis 11, Track 9, National Honor Society 11,12, Student Council 12; JEFFREY NIXON, National Honor Society 11,12, Science Club 12; NICK NOCHEVICH, Track 9, Soccer 11,12.



MICHAEL NONOS, Baseball 9,10, National Honor Society 11; BAMBI NOWAKOWSKI, Cheerleading 9,10,12, Band 9, Newspaper 12; RICHARD O'DEA; PATTY ODOM.

PAUL OLESZ, Yearbook 9, Spanish Club 10,11,12, Swimming 10, National Honor Society 11,12; DAVID OLIVER, Band 9,10,11,12; KAYE OLIVER, Choir 9,10,11,12, Pep Club 9, German Club 10,11,12, Thespians 10,11,12, Velveetes 11,12; Student Council 11; JOSEPH ORLICH, Football 9,10,11,12, Basketball 9,10,11, Track 9, Spanish Club 12.



TRACY PALLA, Band 9,10,11,12, Track 9, French Club 10,11,12; LAURA PAPP; JAMES PAPPAS; GLORIA PARKER.

SCOTT PARKER; JOHN CHARLES PASTOR, Baseball 9; SUSAN PATTERSON, Choir 10, Golf 10,11,12; ELISABETH PAUNOVICH, German Club 10.



KAREN PAVELKA, Thespians 10, Powder Puff Football 10,11,12; KIRSTEN PEDERSON, G.A.A. 9, Choir 9,10,11,12, Golf 10,11,12, Future Teachers Of America 12; MILAN PEJIC, Track 9, Chess 9,10,11,12; ALAN PETERSON.



GREGORY PETROFF, Tennis 10,11,12; GORDANA PETROVSKI; CHERYL PFAUTZ, Powder Puff Football 11,12; LINDA PISANI, Choir 9,10,11, Student 10,11, Pep Club 10, French Club 11, Thespians 11,12, Velveteens 12.

KOVIKA PLAVSA; TODE PLAVSA, Soccer 11; SCOTT PLUMER; RICHARD PLUTH.



PATRICE POBST, Pep Club 9; RICHARD POCHOP, National Honor Society 11,12; JOSEPH PODOLSKI, National Honor Society 11,12; KIMBERLY POLAK.

JAMES POPOVICH; SANDRA POPP; GAIL PORTER, Golf 9; DONALD POTURALSKI, Track 9,10.



JOHN POXON, Football 9,10,11;  
KATHRYN PUNTILLO, Golf  
9,10,11,12, Basketball 9, Tennis  
9,10,11,12, Thespians 10,11, French  
10, Student Council 11, National  
Honor Society 11,12; TINA QUINN;  
JOHN RAASCH.



JOHN RADJEN; NANCY RANDHAN;  
CHRIS RANS, French Club 9, Football  
11,12; LORRAINE RAPO.

KAREN REEVES, Powder Puff Football  
10,11,12; JILL REICHARDT, Powder  
Puff Football 10, Pom Poms 11; RO-  
XANNE RENNER, Yearbook 9, Pom  
Poms 11; ERIC REY, Football 9, Base-  
ball 9.



SCOTT RICHTER, Football 9,10,11,12,  
Baseball 9,12, Track 9,10, Basketball  
9, Student Council 9; BRIAN RIFE;  
MIRIAM RIVERA; CHRISTOPHER  
ROARK, Football 9,10,11,12, Basket-  
ball 9, Baseball 9, Track 9, Swimming  
10, Student Council 9, Prom King, Se-  
nior Class President.

RONALD ROBBINS; KELLY ROB-  
ERSON; KAREN ROBINSON;  
NANCY ROKNICH.





**HAROLD ROSS; LINDA ROS-ZKOWSKI**, Choir 9, Powder Puff Football 10,11; **SANDRA ROYTAN**, Powder Puff Football 11,12, Pom Poms 12; **LYNDA RUBLE**, G.A.A. 9, Band 9,10, Future Teachers Of America 10,11,12, National Honor Society 11,12.



**TAMARA RUDOVICH**, Cheerleading 9,10, Pep Club 9, Choir 11; Student Council 11, Powder Puff Football 11; **ROBERT RUIZ**, Chess 9,10; **JULIA RUSSELL**; **NANCY SAMARDZIJA**, Student Council 9,11.

**JEFF SANOK**, Basketball 9, Track 9,10,11, Cross Country 10,11,12, National Honor Society 11,12; **DEAN SANTOS**, Track 9, Wrestling 10; **DIANE SAWA**, Track 9,10,11,12, Basketball 10,11, Cross Country 11,12, National Honor Society 11,12, Spanish Club 12, **JAYCE SCHEIDT**.



**ROBERT SCHENN: JOSEPH SCHIFFER**, Baseball 9, Football 9, Wrestling 10; **DEBORAH SCHOON**, Choir 9, Track 9, Pep Club 9,10, Yearbook 12; **MICHAEL SCHUCK**.

**DAWN SCHUTZ; CATHERINE SEBASTIAN; RAMON SEBASTIAN; THERESA SEIBAL**.



**DARLENE SEKEREZ**, Tennis 9,10,11, Swimming 9, Powder Puff Football 10, Pom Pons 11,12, Gymnastics 10,12, National Honor Society 11,12, Yearbook 12; **CAROLE SELLEK**, Band 9,10,11,12, Track 10, Powder Puff 11,12, French 11; **CHARI SEMPLINSKI**; **RENEE SHAMBLEE**, Latin 9,10, Future Teachers Of America 12, Powder Puff 10-12.



**LEANN SHARP**; **ANDREW SHAVER**, Tennis 9; **BENITA SHIMLEY**, Powder Puff Football 11, National Honor Society 12; **ANDREA SHINGLE**, Band 9, Pom Pons 10,11,12, Student Council 11,12.

**BETSY SHRADER**, German Club 10,11,12, Future Teachers Of America 11,12, National Honor Society 11,12, Science Club 11,12; **RICHARD SIBINIC**; **JANE SIBO**, Powder Puff Football 10,11,12; **STEVE SICULA**, Cross Country 9,10,11,12, Track 11,12, Baseball 9,10.



**CASSANDRA SIELSKI**; **DEBORAH SMITH**; **DIANE SMITH**; Choir 9,10,11,12, French 10,11; **TAMMY SMITH**.

**LORI SMOOT**, Choir 9,10,11; **KAREN SOHOVICH**, Track 9,10,11,12; **Powder Puff Football 10,11,12**; **MICHELLE SOLTIS**; **BILL SOURONIS**.



TOD SPEER, Football 9, Wrestling 9,  
Soccer 9,10,11,12, Hockey 9,10,11,  
Tennis 10,11,12; DINO SPENTZOS;  
SANDRA SPERKA, Powder Puff 10;  
ADAM SPIROFF.



PAUL SPIROVICH, Track 9; DAWN  
SPOTT, Band 9,10,11,12; MELINDA  
SPRADLEY; LISA SPRINGMAN, Pom  
pons 10,11, Football Stat. 12.



STEVE STAGGS, Wrestling 9,10,11,12;  
KELVIN STANLEY, Football 9; MARV  
STANLEY; KEVIN STARESINA.



LAURENCE STAZINSKI, Tennis 10,12;  
KEVIN SCOTT STEVENS, Track  
9,10,11,12, Basketball 9,10; BRENDA  
STEWART, Choir 9, Powder Puff  
10,11,12; CATHY SUMICHRIST,  
Powder Puff 11.

GLORIA SUMMERS, Cheerleading  
9,10,11,12, Choir 9,10,11, Home-  
coming Court, Prom Court; CAROL  
SUZICH, Band 9,10,11,12, Powder  
Puff 11,12; JACK SWARTOUT; JAMES  
SWIFT.



TONY SWIGON; DOUGLAS TARGETT; CHRISTINE TAVARAS; BRET TAYLOR.



JAMES THOMAS; JUDITH THUREANOS; STEPHEN TOBIAS; JAYNE TOMKO.



BETH TURNER; JOSEPH TYLER; JAMES UTKE, Band 9,10,11,12; SHELLY UTPATEL.



MARTIN TAYLOR, Basketball 9, Track 9, Football 9; ROSALIE THALMANN, Band 9,10,11,12; ALEXI THANOS, Wirt 9,10, Volleyball 11,12; DEBRA THOMAS, Choir 9.

DANIEL TRAFICANTE, Choir 9, Cross Country 9, Golf 9,10,11,12, Basketball 9; SANDRA TRAJKOVSKI; PAULA TULLY, Choir 9, Gymnastics 9,10,11,12, National Honor Society 11,12; MAUREEN TURMAN, French Club 9,10, Powder Puff Football 10, National Honor Society 11.

CYNTHIA VALDES; JEFFREY VALE;  
JANICE VALENTI; JANE  
VANDERTUUK.



DAWN VANMETER, Track 9, French  
Club 10,11,12, Thespians 10, Band  
10,11,12, Powder Puff Football 11,  
Student Council 9; MIKE VARELA;  
DAVID VARGAS; KATHLEEN  
VARGAS.

MERRY VARGAS; MICHAEL VAR-  
GAS; CARY VAZQUEZ; GREGORY  
VELA, Football 9, Basketball 9,10,  
Baseball 9,10,11,12, Cross Country 10,  
National Honor Society 11,12.



JEFFREY VERGIN, Football 9, Wres-  
tling 9; ROBIN VERSAL; KELLY  
VOLK, Choir 9,10,11; JUDY  
VONDOROVICH.

NANCY VRTIKAPA; NIKOLA VULIN;  
MICHAEL WALKER, Football 9,10;  
NANETTE WALLACE.





JENNIFER WALLIN; ROBERT WARD,  
Calumet Baptist 9,10,11, Football 12,  
Soccer 12; FRED WARDELL; VICTO-  
RIA WARREN.



MICHAEL WASICK; PAUL WASICK,  
Wrestling 9,10,11; CARLA WATERS,  
Yearbook 9, G.A.A. 9, Spanish Club  
10, Thespians 10, Newspaper 11,12,  
Sunshine Society 10, National Honor  
Society 12, Velveteens 11,12; CARL  
WATRAKIEWICZ, Choir 9, German  
Club 12.

PENNY WATSON; DEBORAH WEST-  
COTT, Spanish Club 10, Powder Puff  
Football 11,12, Student Council 11;  
KAY WHARTON, Track 9,10,11, Stu-  
dent Council 9; DONA WHITE, Track  
9, Powder Puff Football 10,11.



SUZANNE WHITWORTH; BRIAN  
WIELOGORSKI, Basketball 9,10,  
Track 9,10,11,12; TINA WIGGINS,  
Cheerleading 9,10,11,12, Track 9,10,  
Gymnastics 9,10,11,12, Soph. Class  
Sec., Jr. Class Treas., Yearbook 11,12,  
Prom Queen, Homecoming Court,  
Student Council; HERRICK WIL-  
BURN, Football 9,10,11,12, Track  
9,10,12, Band 9,10,11,12, Wrestling 9.

REBECCA WILES, Choir 9,10,11,12,  
National Honor Society 11,12;  
RANDY WILLIAMS, Swimming  
9,10,11,12; MICHAEL WIRTES, Track  
9, Football 10,11; EILEEN WIRTZ.



SALLY WOLF, Powder Puff Football 12; LISA WOODWARD, Track 9,10, Volleyball 10,11,12; WILLIAM WRIGHT, Track 9,10,11, Cross Country 9; JEFFREY WYLLIE.



ROBERT YESLI, Football 9,10,11,12, Wrestling 9,10,11,12, Baseball 9, National Honor Society 12, Student Council 12; DAVID ZALE; NANCY ZAPINSKI, Spanish Club 10, Science Club 12; ERIC ZITZ, Band 9,10,11,12.

DANIEL ZONA; DONA BUCKO.



# NOT PICTURED:

TODD BANKS  
KIMBERLY BARBAULD  
TOM BARDESON  
KATHY BARTMAN  
DOROTHY BLIZNAKOFF  
BRADLEY BLY  
LISA BROMBERG  
PATRICK BURNS  
JOHN CARIJA  
CYNTHIA CASTELLANOS  
MARK CHARTIER  
NANCY CHENOWETH  
JOHN CROUCH  
DANIEL CURCULO  
RICHARD CURTIS  
MEMO DALKILIC  
JOSEPH DAWSON  
GEORGE DEVAULT  
EDDY DIXON  
PHILLIP DUHEY  
LORA ELLIOTT  
DAVID ERNEST

DENNIS FIDONE  
JAMES FILIPOWICZ  
PATRICK FINLEY  
DEE FRUDAKIS  
JULIE ANN GEARY  
TIMOTHY GILL  
LINDA GOODWIN  
DAVID HASAN  
LISA HUNT  
BOB JANES  
DONALD JANES  
DAVID JANKOWSKI  
JOHN KATRIS  
WILLIAM KAUFMAN  
STEVEN KOLETIS  
ROBERT KOMECHAK  
JESSE LARA  
DAVID LAVIOLETTE  
MICHAEL LOPEZ  
BRYAN MELCIC  
EDWARD MILLER  
TODD MOFFETT

STEVE MORAVSKI  
JEFFREY MORRISON  
ROBERT MORRISON  
LAURA MOSTELLER  
PAMELA NICHOLSON  
SHARON OOMS  
WILLIAM PEARSON  
MARK PORTER  
ZILJKO RAJKOVIC  
ALFRED RAMOS  
SCOTT REEVES  
GREGORY ROBERTS  
ROBERTA ROSEN  
KATHLEEN RUMBT  
DUANE SCHULTZ  
DAVID SCOTT  
JEFF SCOTT  
PATRICIA SHIRLEY  
EDDIE SHOCKLEY  
JAMES SLINKER  
WILLIAM SMALLMAN  
THOMAS SONATY

JOHN SPURLOCK  
MICHAEL STEFFUS  
CURT SULLIVAN  
ROBERT TOBY  
GREG TROUSDALE  
SCOTT UNDERWOOD  
DAMON VELASQUEZ  
PATRICIA WENRICH  
STANLEY WIECHNIK  
DOUGLAS WILLIAMS  
SCOTT WORTSMAN  
SHERRY WROE  
JAMES ZIMMERMAN





The moments we remember  
The people left behind  
We're going our own ways now  
We all have dreams to find.

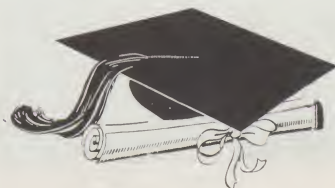
The times have seen us change, and yet  
We're really still the same  
Someday we'll look at photographs  
Paired with long-forgotten names—

Then the memories of what we felt  
The laughter that we shared  
Will come again to make us smile  
And remind us how we cared.

Football games, confetti fights  
The purple and the white  
Lunchroom talks, rehearsals, smiles—  
Our futures looking bright.

The bad times fade and disappear  
The good times never die  
Together once, now each as one;  
We know it's time to fly.

—A senior with fond memories of MHS





Class officers: President Chris Roark, Vice-President Corky Christoff, Secretary Paula Tully, and Treasurer Maryann Lindgren "Keep on Truckin"



The devil made me do it!



Wait till Kermit sees this!



Boy, Senior life sure is rough!



Yum, that sure looks good!





If we hurry, we can beat Mr. Talmadge to the lunch line.



Advanced Comp. students play 52 card pick-up.



This lonely senior admits Kermit is the only one that loves him.



Mrs. Lynch tries to teach Greg Vela how to play "pattycake".



Gee, my head is bigger than I thought.



Look at me!

## 30 STUDENTS ACKNOWLEDGED

The students on these two pages represent the top five percent of the graduating class of 1980. These students did a fine job of showing people inside of Merrillville High School as well as the people in our community just how well-educated Merrillville High School students are.

These students are listed in alphabetical order, not in order of class rank.



MICHAEL ANTIC



SUSAN BARTON



MICHAEL CHASE



GERALD CHRISTOFF



MEMO DALKILIC



ANN DUNKELBERGER



MARCIA FIACABLE



STEVE GRATTO



SUSAN HARDT



LIBBY HINES



PATRICIA HOMEIER



KEN HUBER



DONNA JOHNSON



RICHARD JOHNSON



JOAN KACMAR

# FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



ELENI KORAKAKIS



LINDA LEPLEY



MARYANN LINDGREN



PENNY MORITZ



TAMMY NELSON



SUSAN NIEMEYER



JEFF NIXON



PAUL OLESH



JOSEPH PADOLSKI



KATHRYN PUNTILLO



LYNDA RUBLE



JEFF SANOK



DARLENE SEKERÉZ



TOD SPEER



PAULA TULLY

# JUNIOR YEAR ... MOMENTS TO CHERISH

Insecurities of sophomore year have all but vanished and the pressures and decisions that accompany senior life are at a comfortable distance. Freedoms and privileges that seemed an eternity away suddenly become realities to hold on to and to cherish. You are a junior and it's going to be the most momentous year of high school.

Finally, you can face the seniors, knowing that instead of making fun of you, they now accept you. Go ahead and be "wild and crazy" while you can still get away with it and not be considered childish. And oh, those weekend nights are better than ever because you have a drivers' license. Your own transportation to games, parties, and best of all dates. What more could you ask for?

Juniors asked for a number of things. On those autumn weekend mornings, many juniors awoke to the sight of a

yard littered with toilet paper and leaves and only asked for help cleaning up and a chance for revenge. Many more simply requested an aspirin and just one more hour of sleep. The junior class could have asked for more production and less socializing on their homecoming float. Despite this they did pull through in other class competitions to win the coveted homecoming spirit stick. During early winter months the skiers and snowmobilers of the class of '81 thought the snow would never come. Other juniors simply wished for a reprieve from the dull routine. Spring brought warm weather and found most juniors wishing for a spring break in Florida, a start on a summer tan, and a date for prom. As school let out for the summer, most juniors looked forward to a summer of fun and returning to M.H.S. as a senior.



1979-'80 Junior class officers: Chris Lalis, secretary; Al Hickam, president; Earl Capuli, treasurer; Mary Kino, vice-president.

Jackie Abramson  
Frank Acosta  
Dave Adams  
Larry Adams  
Susan Adams

Kevin Adler  
Rick Aeschliman  
Kim Akers  
Tom Allen



Mark Amaya  
Darryl Anderson  
Tim Andrey  
Blanche Angelov  
Tammy Argeropolos

Monica Arrendon  
Toni Artz  
Bob Ashley  
Jim Askren

Rich Austin  
Laura Aydelotte  
Teresa Badar  
David Balash  
Julie Ban

Dave Bannister  
Michelle Baran  
Kevin Barclay  
Lorrie Barker



Doug Bamack  
Nancy Barnes  
Cynthia Basile  
Marianne Beavers  
Chris Becker

Debbie Bekelya  
Kathy Bernish  
Denny Bennett  
Laura Berndt

Doug Best  
Sharon Bianchi  
Brian Billens  
David Birchall  
Lisa Blair

Tracy Blankinship  
Danin Bokvin  
Debbie Bookas  
Kirk Boone





Bill Borgmeier  
Darrell Boruff  
Tammy Bowen  
Julie Bowman  
Kathy Bowman

Ken Boyd  
Kevin Boyd  
John Brady  
Kathy Bresch



Dana Brooks  
Cathy Brown  
Mike Brown  
Scott Bruce  
Bob Brugs

Lora Bryant  
Dave Bryner  
Mark Bubnitz  
Cindy Buchfuehrer

John Bukur  
Pete Bult  
Bruce Bunnell  
Tracy Burditt  
Melissa Burelli

Dan Burke  
Nancy Burkhardt  
John Burris  
Mark Cacic



Tony Cammarata  
Laurie Canchola  
Melanie Candiano  
Catherine Cao  
Stan Capau

Earl Capuli  
Catherine Carija  
John Carniello  
Cheryl Carr

Laura Carstensen  
Donna Carter  
C. Cas  
Mike Catenazzo  
Terrance Chadd

Karen Chandler  
Rene Charbonneau  
Corine Chartier  
Jennifer Chiabai



Junior Doug Young seems doubtful about eating a cafeteria lunch.



George Christ  
Nancy Christoff  
Kathryn Christopher

Steve Cierniak  
Stephanie Ciesielski  
Sean Clapp



Constantine Collaros  
Cindy Cone  
Rick Connors

Nancy Cook  
Kim Cooley  
Steve Cooper



Joyce Corey  
Chris Costakis  
Terry Costner



Michelle Courtney  
Cathy Crandall  
Mike Daniel  
Kelly Darnell  
Diane Davis

Kenny Davis  
Chris DeLucena  
Tammy Demo  
Brian Denta



James DeVault  
Leroy Dewar  
Judy Dian  
Christy Dickson  
Debbie Dillman

Sandy Dillon  
John Dimos  
Denise Dixon  
Ed Dixon

Felicia Dixon  
Mike Djurich  
Mike Doeing  
Marie Domonkos  
Jeff Dornburg

Tom Dres  
Daphne Duck  
Mary Dudak  
Patty Dudak



April Duljian  
Sheila Dwyer  
Melissa Dzyack  
Elizabeth Eates  
Troy Edwards

Joe Eich  
Laura Eich  
Debbie Elener  
Donna Engel

Amy Englebright  
Larry Equihua  
Sarah Eyrich  
Marjete Fabrici  
Nancy Fargo

John Feczko  
Darla Femiak  
Lisa Feneck  
Hector Fernandez



Mark Fiacable  
Tony Figueroa  
Tom Fisher  
Kelly Fitusis  
Stacie Flynn

Marla Fodor  
Joni Forbes  
Becky Fossey  
Kay Fotinos

David Frank  
Lana Fraticelli  
Donald Freeman  
Charles Frest  
Jill Fryer

Steve Fugate  
Greg Gallegos  
Bill Gallo  
Jack Galoozis



Nicky Garcia  
John Garden  
Aurora Garza  
Luciano Garza  
Tim Gavelek

Eugene Gawrysiak  
Rich Geeze  
Jim Gerodemos  
Laura Gill



Thomas Gill  
Kim Glitz  
Michelle Glatt  
Kathi Gonzalez  
Bob Goodwin

Lisa Gorgas  
Mike Grabczyk  
Judy Grabek  
Debbie Green

Denise Grembowicz  
Jerome Groli  
Andy Gronck  
Colette Guip  
Merry Gulliver

Tom Gulotta  
Lisa Gurgevich  
Cynthia Gurman  
Richard Gutjahr

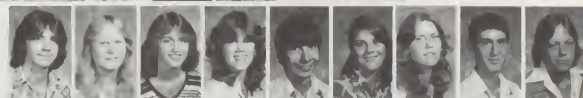


Charmaine Haager  
Jeff Hacker  
Tania Hallam  
Troy Hamilton  
Ken Hancock

Laura Hansbury  
Chris Hansel  
Kurt Harmon  
Janie Harper

Shawn Harper  
Cheryl Harrison  
Lesa Hart  
Jennifer Hastings  
Robert Hatch

Rayette Haughee  
Ginger Hawkins  
Ron Hayes  
Paul Hebert



David Heiser  
Barb Helwig  
Mark Henry  
Alan Hickam  
Kyle Hickam

Lisa Higgins  
Tom Higgins  
Charla Hines  
Dave Hinkel

Shari Hoekstra  
Nancy Holderman  
John Holland  
Leslie Houchin  
Dawn Howe

Kathy Huber  
Andrea Hudock  
Victoria Hughes  
Kelly Hurlburt



Dirk Hutchison  
Greg Hutson  
Diane Iannessi  
Forrest Illes  
Ron Ippolito

Jeff Irons  
Jodi Irwin  
James A. Jackson  
James R. Jackson

John Jakelski  
Jeff Jamroz  
Tammy Jandura  
Dave Janizek  
Kim Jankowski

Veronica Jankowski  
Donna Japundza  
Doug Jatczak  
Bob Jensen



Rebecca Jessup  
Jackie Johnson  
Margaret Johnson  
Tim Johnson  
Linda Johnston

Bruce Jones  
Ed Jones  
Sheri Jones  
Sandi Jonusas



Juniors Deb Elsner and Barb Treskovich take a breather during ceramics class.

Gina Juloski  
Doug Jurasevich  
Debbie Kacmar



Ed Kallas  
Rhonda Kaluf  
Maria Kambouris



Jim Karagas  
Jim Karas  
Kristin Kark



Barb Karwacinski  
Charles Kastner  
Frank Katris



Joel Kiesner  
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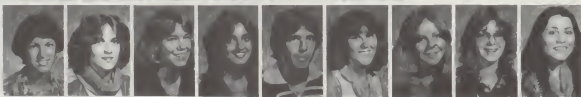
Rick Knopf  
Laurie Komechak  
Denise Kottardis  
Greg Kouvelas



Stephen Krecik  
Gary Kriadis  
Mike Krisko  
Michelle Krutz  
Theresa Kubacki  
Dave Kunovski  
Sonia Kunovski  
Steve Kunovski  
Linda Kurth

Maria Kyres  
Cindy Lach  
Janet Lagenoek  
Chris Laliou  
Ron Lamb

Valerie Landers  
Linda Lane  
Denise Larsen  
Colette Law



Robert Lehman  
Ted Lenker  
Laurie Lennon  
Vickie Leonard  
Sandi Leone  
Theresa Levin  
Lisa Lewan  
Larry Lewandowski  
Mark Lipton

Linda Lisek  
Tim Lloyd  
Dawn Loda  
Yvonne Lopez  
Dianne Lorenzo

Lisa Lucas  
Carmen Luna  
Eric Lunsford  
Kim Machia



Larry Machin  
Jamie Mack  
Karen Mackanos  
Greg Mackey  
Jeff Macculak  
Kathy Madera  
Phil Maicher  
Kathryn Major  
Mike Malenock

Rob Maloney  
Rudy Mance  
Jim Mangione  
Theo Manglis  
Andy Manis

Biliana Manivilovski  
Jane Martin  
Dawn Martinez  
Fabian Martinez



Joe Martinez  
Dawn Maryonovich  
Scott Matheus  
Lori Mathis  
Tim Mathis

Sherrie Matthews  
Pam Mattingly  
Anthony Mavros  
Anthony Mayer

Neil McAnally  
Rod McClellan  
Cathy McCormick  
Kevin McDonald  
Mike McChan

Dan McGregor  
Brian McGuire  
Carolyn McGuire  
George McHenry



Kelly McLaughlin  
Mike McNally  
Peggy McNary  
Andy Medanich  
Gerry Mendoza

Phil Mesarch  
Tom Metcalf  
Sharon Metros  
Paul Metten

Eric Meyer  
David Michael  
Dan Mickey  
Denise Mickey  
Ginger Mikolics

Margie Milakovich  
Julie Milteer  
Sherri Minton  
Jerry Miskuf



Teresa Montoro  
Jeff Moore  
Lori Moore  
Rob Moore  
Kristin Mroz

Mark Mummey  
Mike Murphy  
Valerie Musselman  
Zora Muvceski

Lori Myatovich  
Devra Myers  
Ed Nadolski



Steve Nealon  
Chris Neave  
Kim Neumeyer

Lisa Nixon  
Pete Nommensen  
Lori Norris



Nancy Nowotny  
Melanie Nowak  
Mary Beth O'Brien



Tom Allen cheers Jamie Mack up during a tense football game.



John O'Connor  
Valerie Oliver  
Pat Olovich  
Bob Orosz  
Sherry Orosz

Graig Orten  
Tracy Otterbacher  
Ginger Palmer  
Dawn Panning



Tony Parini  
Keith Patterson  
Tim Patz  
Joe Pawlak  
Marcia Peley  
Gail Perry  
James Peschke  
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Gimi Petrov

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Jack Powlock  
Ted Poxon  
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Susan Rachford  
Don Raehl

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Andy Ramuscak  
Steve Ratajecz  
Sheryl Reder

Elizabeth Regan  
Don Reibly  
Pat Reimer  
Bryan Reinhart



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Dana Rice  
Dave Richards  
Jim Richmond  
John Riddle  
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Louie Ristleski  
Sandra Roberson

Dave Robinson  
Doug Robinson  
Jay Robison  
Mike Rodd  
Sabrina Rodriguez  
Ken Rose



Rosella Rose  
Tammy Rose  
Charles Rumbut  
Mark Rush  
Mitch Ruthkay  
Gabino Saavedra

Cecile Sebastian  
Helen Sabo  
Mark Salapski  
Tony Salcedo  
May Sarantis  
Lori Satka



Marie Sattler  
Stamatios Savas  
Tony Schmidt  
Linda Scholz  
Sharon Schoon  
Mike Schreiner



Miss Galanis' Junior history class answers questions about the Civil War.



Sally Schultz  
Karl Schulz  
Ric Schuster  
Gwen Scott  
Teresa Scott

Scott Seitzinger  
Helen Sharpe  
Dawn Sherek  
Bob Sherrick



Camella Sherrick  
Rose Shooter  
Tim Short  
Gregg Shriver  
Alan Sierkowski

Zorine Simic  
Barry Sims  
Dawn Sims  
Tom Sliva

Debbie Smith  
Paul Smith  
Rory Smith  
Tom Smith  
Deanne Smolnick

Karrie Sniderwine  
Don Snemis  
Dave Sokol  
Joe Solich



Barb Solivals  
Mike Scuronis  
Diane Sowjanski  
Cindy Sowles  
Vicki Spak

Julie Spangler  
Andy Spicer  
Cathy Spicer  
Patty Spirovich

Craig Springman  
Richard Spurr  
Robert Stanborough  
Dave Starko  
Abby Stauffer

Louie Stefanovic  
Orce Steloski  
Sheila Steininger  
Steve Steininger



Danny Stojanovski  
James Stone  
James Stromski  
Lora Sturridge  
Wendy Sum

Gordon Sunny  
Lilly Suvajac  
Shari Suzich  
Sandy Swanson



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Donna Tomondi  
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Tuan Townsend  
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Klimka Veljanoski  
Victoria Vergin

Kim Vickroy  
Phyllis Victor  
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Scott Volk  
Tammy Vranich  
Jasmina Vraniskoski  
Pam Wade  
Mike Wallace  
Virgil Wardell  
Wendy Warminski  
Steve Warren



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Marcy Wesley  
Scott Whitworth  
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Greg Willburn  
Cathy Wilk  
Dave Williams

Janis Wilson  
Kathy Wilson  
Tim Wing  
Angie Winter  
Tim Wolf  
Lisa Wood  
Charles Wright  
Tammy Wright  
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Tammie Yaselsky  
Richard Yester  
Doug Young  
Gilbert Young  
Tom Yurchak

Robert Yugo  
Mark Zajack  
Paula Zanders  
Robert Zarnik

Mark Zellers  
Angie Zervos  
Marie Zimmerman  
John Zolcak  
Denise Bartelt  
Carrie Gross



Not pictured:  
Olivera Kosevich  
Richard Leshes  
Roger Peterson  
Dean Ragon  
Michael Rollenson  
Tammy Turner  
Cheryl Wade



Doug Jatczak grins in satisfaction after having a winning game of chess.



DARE ... TO BELIEVE

TO SEEK

TO FIND



DARE ... TO BE YOURSELF

DARE ... TO DREAM

TO HOPE

TO FEEL



How quickly the moments dissolve into memories.



The turning points in our lives are not the great moments. The real crises are often concealed in occurrences so trivial in appearance that they pass unobserved.

William E. Woodward







Only a moment; a moment of strength, of romance, of glamour-of youth!  
Joseph Conrad

Shared hopes



Memories of the good times



The past is for memories; the future for dreams-but the present contains  
the moments we live for.







Hold every moment sacred. Give each clarity and meaning . . . each its true and due fulfillment. Thomas Mann



I wept, as I remembered, how often you and I had tired the sun with talking and sent him down the sky.

William Johnson Cory





And we'll recall  
When time runs out  
That it only took a moment

To be loved . . .

Jerry Herman



# SOPHOMORE YEAR-A TIME FOR DISCOVERY

As the doors open and school begins again, the look of paranoia and fear spreads across the faces of most sophomores. Trying to absorb everything in sight and find their way around the school, sophomores anxiously ran from class to class in search of friends and familiar faces.

Many sophomores attended their first formal dance at the high school and made their choices of class rings. After the hurried routine of the first weeks, things settled down and sophomores became more acquainted with the high school and new people.

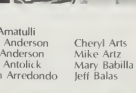


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Secretary; and Randy Sekerez, President.

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Ronald Adams  
Tracy Ahlborn  
John Akers

Mindy Albach  
Walter Aleksic  
Ray Altman  
Keith Altop



John Amatulli  
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Jim Bencie  
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Mike Bianco  
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Tracy Bielak  
David Billens  
Brad Bishop

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Liz Blaney  
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Tina Boatner



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Tony Chisko  
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Jim Coody

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Elaine Collins  
Claude Conley  
Todd Conrad

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Bob Covaciu  
Bentley Craig  
Rosemary Craig  
Mike Croarkin

Linda Crossnoe  
Kathy Cory  
Pam Crowder  
Larry Crozier



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Ratko Cucuz  
Brian Curocio  
Sharon Daniel  
Dawn Darkins

Connie Darnell  
June Davis  
Martin Dawson  
Scott Dechesne

Sue Deer  
Jeff Defoor  
David Degard



Theresa Demo  
Sheila De St. Jean  
Chris DeVell

Janis Deyot  
Danielle Dickson  
Diane Dimitri



Chris Dimos  
Maria Djurich  
Doreen Donley



Phil Galoozis and Debbie Oliver put their feet up after a long, hard day in

Biology.





Kathy Hronopoulos anxiously awaits the end of class.

George Doolin  
Debbie Dorulla  
Denise Dudak  
Mark Dujmovich



Robin Dulijan  
Kathy Dumler  
Kim Dunkelberger  
Kathy Durkin

J. Duron  
John Dustman  
David Duttwyler  
John Dymann



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Todd Ensalcio

Mike Ewanyo  
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Dan Evans  
Martha Evdokiou  
Delia Farias

Marybeth Fedorchak  
Debbie Ferguson  
Carol Ferkull  
Linda Felkavian



Jennifer Findley  
Julie Flannery  
Dawn Flauding  
Kim Foor  
Tracy Forsythe

Diana Fox  
Lisette Franco  
Richard Frank  
Jim Fratzke

Paul French  
Shawn Frey  
Sandy Fugett  
Theodora Gagianas



Diane Gallagher  
Lisa Gallegos  
Anthony Galoozis  
Phil Galoozis

M. Ganovick  
Charles Gans  
Scott Garrard  
Mary Gawrysiak





Robert Geary  
Tammy Gemenhart  
C. Gent  
Chris Gerodemas



John Certz  
Jeffrey Gifford  
Roger Gill  
John Giordano

Mike Glatz  
Joe Glibota  
Robbie Goad  
Dale Gough



Jan Gough  
Chris Gower  
Nancy Grabek  
Jim Graham



Randy Ban practices his Merrillville gigilo grin.

Susan Grant  
Mary Griffin  
David Gruber  
Dolores Guardiola  
Dan Gurgevich

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Randall Guthrie  
Richard Guthrie  
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Tammy Hampton  
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Brian Harding  
Karen Harker

Glenn Harms  
Gena Harriman  
Janet Hartwig  
Janet Harvey



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Diane Hayes  
Mike Hayes  
Sharon Hefty



Mike Heidorn  
Joe Hein  
Roger Helwig  
Jay Henderson



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Daniel Henrichs  
Robert Henry  
Dolores Hernandez  
Keith Hernandez

Darcy Hetra  
Don Hetra  
Kathy Hevezi  
Kelle Hickam



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Sherry Highlan  
Cindy Hill  
Tracy Hinkel  
Scott Hipp

Steve Hipp  
Jim Hirsch  
Kris Hodge  
Sandi Hoekstra

Stephen Hovance  
Katherine Hronopoulos  
Rick Hughes  
Robert Hunt  
Nancy Hurst

David Hutchison  
Janyne Huycke  
Karen Hyndman  
Amber Illes



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Clay Ison  
Joy Iwan  
Andrew Jackson  
Charlotte Jackson

Jerry Jackson  
Joanne Jaeger  
Monica Jaeger  
Shelly James

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Patrick Jarrell  
Susan Jasin  
Theresa Jennings  
Loranne Jewell

Jody Jillson  
Charles Johnson  
Jack Johnson  
Laura J. Johnson



Linda Johnson  
Lori A. Johnson  
Bennica Jones  
Linda Jones  
Traci Jones

Larry Judge  
John Jurasevich  
Barb Kacmar  
Pam Kaiser

Tracy Kansfield  
Ken Keeler  
Jodi Keen  
Janice Koilman  
Joanne Koilman

Tami Keiser  
Michael Kemp  
Rich Kondera  
Ronald Koneson



Mike Kepshire  
Deena Kerns  
Greg Kerulis

Corinne Kierzkowski  
John King  
Zorine Kirby



James Kirksey  
Thomas Kistler  
David Knop



Janet Kneep  
Christin Kolodziejczak  
Mark Kolozenski



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Dianne Konrady  
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Jeff Lax



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Shelly Markle  
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Peter Martinez  
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Sharri Massow  
Bryant Matthews  
Cindy Mayer  
Brett McAlpin



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John McDonald  
Karin McDonald  
Maureen McGhan  
Lisa McNally



Jan-Jan Gough and Co. look over the Navy Van.

Bill Meade  
Brenda Merchia  
Deanna Medanich  
Scott Melic  
Lorie Mellinger

Kris Merrifield  
Thomas Meschede  
Leslie Metten  
Annette Miller



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Eileen Moriarty

Dan Morigi  
Edward Monillon  
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Kevin Murphy  
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Mike Nochevich  
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John Norrell  
M. Novorita  
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Michelle Ogiego  
Shizumi Okada  
Mark Olesh

Debbie Oliver  
Elizabeth Oliver  
Larry Oliver  
Nolan O'Rear



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Tony Pampalone  
Harriet Panas



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Joanne Poxon  
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Kathy Prgomelja  
Stephen Prince

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Terri Ralph



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Mark Robinson

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Diane Rolff  
Debbie Roszkowski



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Lisa Routsolias  
Lisa Rusak  
Laura Rusaban  
Greg Russell

Jimmy Russell  
Patricia Rulfin  
Kristine Sabo  
Michael Sabo



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Iori Saliwonczyk  
Bob Satran  
Alan Sawochka

Jeff Schmidt  
Laura Scheider  
Paul Schramm  
Steve Schulze



Roger Schuster  
Ron Segraves  
Chris Seibal  
Nick Seibal  
Randy Sekerez  
Kevin Shaver  
Leana Shawver  
Lynne Shearin  
Richard Shoback

Kim Shriver  
Barb Simac  
Alexandra Simic  
Richard Sine  
Brad Slayden

Lyia Slupczynski  
Ron Slusser  
Jeanne Smar  
Howard Smith



Jackie Smith  
Jim Smith  
Kathy Smith  
Kelly Smolar  
Sherri Smoot  
Jeff Snow  
George Solon  
Jim Soos  
Danny Sorbello

Bob Sormaz  
Tom Soullounias  
Alex Souronis  
Donna Spahic  
Barry Sperber

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Jennifer Spirtu  
Joe Spott  
Kristine Springman



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David Zabrdac  
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Tony Zellers  
Mike Zenlik  
Maria Zervos



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Dan Zimmerman  
Linda Zorich  
Lily Smith  
R. Summers



Laughter is not at all a bad  
beginning for a friendship,  
and it is far the best ending  
for one.

Oscar Wilde

## SOPHOMORES LEARN



## THROUGH EXPERIENCE





# School Board and Administration

The Merrillville High School administration and school board play a very important role in keeping the school running smoothly. The school board meets once a week to discuss problems the school is facing and tries to improve programs.

After two years at MHS, Mr. Paul Schuyler is becoming more familiar with the student body and with the entire school system. He continued the Tell-a-Principal drawing which enabled students to express their views on how the school is being run.

Our new assistant principal, Dr. Jerome Sectors, completed his first year at MHS with great success. He kept the students and faculty amused with morning trivia.

Mr. John Stone finished another school year as one of the assistant principals. He often helped out Dr. Sectors with the morning announcements. Mr. Stone is also in charge of discipline and Summer School.



**SCHOOL BOARD** Standing: Phyllis Tully, member; Eugene Carrabine, member. Seated: Babe Woodward, vice president; John Ban, President. Not pictured: Brian Matthews, secretary.



Robert Schrenker  
Superintendent



Ted Klooster  
Assistant Superintendent



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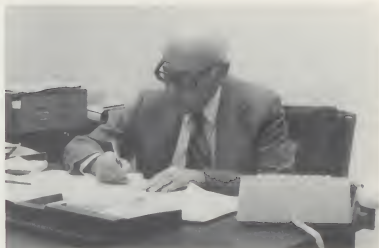
# Keep MHS on the Move



Mr. Schuyler, principal, pauses from his daily paperwork to pose for the photographer.

Assistant Principal Stone does not let the camera interrupt his concentration.

Dr. Sector, assistant principal, shows that answering the telephone is not just a secretary's job.



## Faculty Strive to Prepare

ABRAHAM, DAVID, B.S. (BSU), Ind. Arts, 2 yrs. AMBROZIAK, BEVERLY, B.S. (St. Joseph's), Bus., 6 yrs. ARMONTROUT, WILLIAM, B.S., M.S. (ISU), Phys. Ed., 19 yrs. ARMSTRONG, PATRICIA, B.S., M.S. (Purdue Cal.), Eng., 7 yrs. BANAS, DAVID, B.S. (ISU), Science, 5 yrs.



BASHORE, DENISE, B.S., M.S. (BSU), Spec. Ed., 2 yrs. BERTRAM, MARY ANN, B.S., M.S. (ISU), Language, 10 yrs. BOTHWELL, ROBBIE, B.A., M.S. (ISU), Bus., 28 yrs. BOTTOM, LEALON, B.S. (PU), Ind. Arts, 2 yrs. BOVARD, GRACE, B.S., M.B.A. (IU), Bus., 31 yrs.



BRATCHER, JERRY, B.S. (BSU), Science, 2 yrs. BROCK, LEEANN, B.S., M.S. (IU), Art, 2 yrs. BROWN, ROBERT, B.S., M.A. (IU), Math, 10 yrs. BURCHFIELD, MARGARET, B.S. (IU), Eng., 3 yrs. BURRUS, LEONA, B.A., M.A. (IU), Librarian, 21 yrs.



CALLENDER, PATRICIA, B.S., M.S. (IU), Language, 12 yrs. CAMERON, THOMAS, B.S., M.S. (IU), Phys. Ed., 7 yrs. CARROLL, CHARLES, B.A., M.S. (PU), Spec. Ed., 8 yrs. CASTLEN, JO ANN, B.S., M.S. (IU), Bus., 1 yr. CHONCOFF, CHRIS, B.A., M.S. (West. Mich.), Soc. St., 16 yrs.



CHRISTOFF, LINDA, M.A. (VU), Eng., 2 yrs. CRULL, JON, B.A. (Dalhousie U.), M.A. (PU), Eng., 1 yr. CZARNECKI, JANE, B.S. (IU), Home Ec., 2 yrs. DAILEY, JAMES, B.S., M.S. (IU), Ind. Arts, 9 yrs. DAVIS, LINDA, B.A., M.S. (PU), Guidance, 2 yrs.



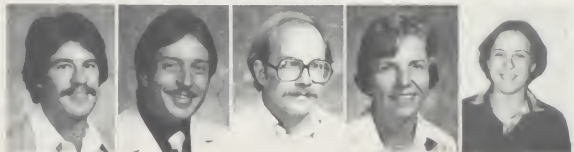
DILLMAN, CAROLE, B.S., M.S. (IU), Art, 8 yrs. DUNSCOMBE, MILES, B.S., M.S. (PU), Science, 14 yrs. EBLER, RICHARD, B.S., M.S. (IU), Eng., 13 yrs. EDGCOMB, JAMES, B.S., M.S. (IU), Soc. St., 1 yr. ELSER, DEBRA, B.S. (PU), Art, 3 yrs.



## Students for Their Futures



FACKLER, CLIFFORD, B.S., M.S. (IU), Math, 8 yrs. FRY, LINDA, B.A., M.A. (VU), Eng., 7 yrs. FURUNESS, DREW, B.S., M.S. (IU), Guidance, 2 yrs. GALANIS, MARY ANN, B.S., M.S. (IU), Soc. St., 11 yrs. GARNER, RICK, B.S. (PU), Ind. Arts, 3 yrs.



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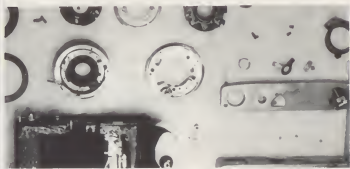
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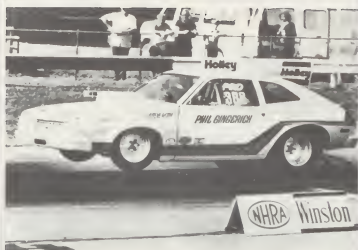
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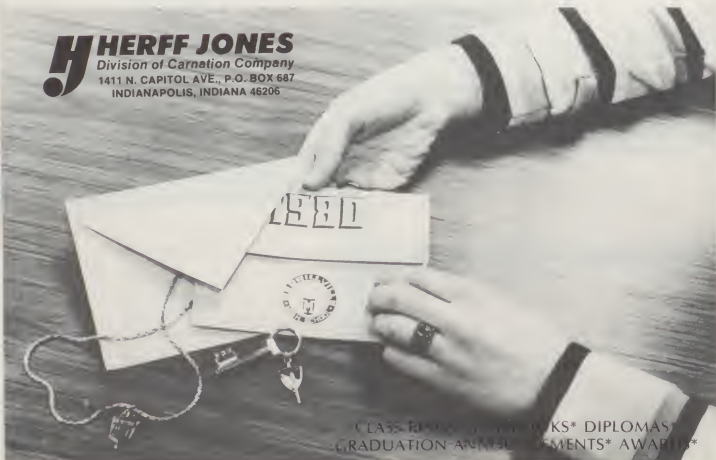
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Your days are short  
here. This is the last  
of your springs. And  
now, in the serenity  
and quiet of this lovely  
place, touch the depths  
of truth. Feel the  
hem. You will go away  
with old good friends.  
Don't forget, when you  
leave, why you came.

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The play is done; the curtain drops, slow falling to the prompter's bell. A moment yet the actor stops, and looks around to say farewell.

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As students at Merrillville, we have never felt that a year could pass as quickly as this one did. Football season, club activities, Prom, and Graduation now seem to be a blur; each running into the other because the time just flew by. It is for this reason that we put so much of ourselves into this yearbook. We tried to make it not only a photo album, but a "memory book" as well. Many obstacles, problems, and even fights all became a part of this book, but all in all, it has been a real pleasure assembling it.

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the present contains the MOMENTS WE LIVE FOR.



